#### 120.200: STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION

#### 120.201: Purpose

- (A) 105 CMR 120.200 establishes standards for protection against ionizing radiation resulting from activities conducted pursuant to licenses or registrations issued by the Agency. The requirements of 105 CMR 120.200 are designed to control the receipt, possession, use, transfer, and disposal of sources of radiation by any licensee or registrant so the total dose to an individual, including doses resulting from all sources of radiation other than background radiation, does not exceed the standards for protection against radiation prescribed in 105 CMR 120.200. However, nothing in 105 CMR 120.200 shall be construed as limiting actions that may be necessary to protect health and safety. in an emergency.
- (B) 105 CMR 120.200 is issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 3, 5M, 5N, 5O, 5P.

#### 120.202: Scope

Except as otherwise specifically provided in other Parts of 105 CMR 120.000, 105 CMR 120.200 applies to persons licensed or registered by the Department to receive, possess, use, transfer, or dispose of sources of radiation. The limits in 105 CMR 120.200 do not apply to doses due to background radiation, to exposure of patients to radiation for the purpose of medical diagnosis or therapy, to exposure from individuals administered radioactive material and released in accordance with 105 CMR 120.540 or to voluntary participation in medical research programs.

#### 120.203: Definitions

As used in 105 CMR 120.200, the following definitions apply:

Annual limit on intake (ALI) means the derived limit for the amount of radioactive material taken into the body of an adult worker by inhalation or ingestion in one year. ALI is the smaller value of intake of a given radionuclide in one year by Reference Man that would result in a committed effective dose equivalent of (0.05 sievert) (5 rem) or a committed dose equivalent of (0.5 sievert) (50 rems) to any individual organ or tissue. ALI values for intake by ingestion and by inhalation of selected radionuclides are given in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table I, Columns 1 and 2.

<u>Class</u> means a classification scheme for inhaled material according to its rate of clearance from the pulmonary region of the lung. Materials are classified as D, W, or Y, which applies to a range of clearance half-times: for Class D, Days, of less than ten days, for Class W, Weeks, from ten to 100 days, and for Class Y, Years, of greater than 100 days. For purposes of 105 CMR 120.000, "lung class" and "inhalation class" are equivalent terms.

<u>Declared pregnant woman</u> means a woman who has voluntarily informed her employer, employer the licensee or registrant, in writing, of her pregnancy and the estimated date of conception. The declaration remains in effect until the declared pregnant woman withdraws the declaration in writing or is no longer pregnant.

<u>Derived air concentration (DAC)</u> means the concentration of a given radionuclide in air which, if breathed by Reference Man for a working year of 2,000 hours under conditions of light work, results in an intake of one ALI. For purposes of 105 CMR 120.000, the condition of light work is an inhalation rate of 1.2 cubic meters of air per hour for 2,000 hours in a year. DAC values are given in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table I, Column 3.

<u>Derived air concentration-hour (DAC-hour)</u> means the product of the concentration of radioactive material in air, expressed as a fraction or multiple of the derived air concentration for each radionuclide, and the time of exposure to that radionuclide, in hours. A licensee may take 2,000 DAC-hours to represent one ALI, equivalent to a committed effective dose equivalent of (0.05 sievert) (5 rems).

<u>Dosimetry processor</u> means an individual or an organization that processes and evaluates individual monitoring devices equipment in order to determine the radiation dose delivered to the monitoring devices equipment.

Inhalation class see Class.

Lung class see Class.

<u>Nonstochastic effect</u> means a health effect, the severity of which varies with the dose and for which a threshold is believed to exist. Radiation-induced cataract formation is an example of a nonstochastic effect. For purposes of 105 CMR 120.000, deterministic effect is an equivalent term.

<u>Planned special</u> <u>exposure</u> means an infrequent exposure to radiation, separate from and in addition to the annual occupational dose limits.

Quarter means a period of time equal to ¼ of the year observed by the licensee or registrant, approximately 13 consecutive weeks, providing that the beginning of the first quarter in a year coincides with the starting date of the year and that no day is omitted or duplicated in consecutive quarters.

<u>Reference</u> <u>Man</u> means a hypothetical aggregation of human physical and physiological characteristics determined by international consensus. These characteristics may be used by researchers and public health employees to standardize results of experiments and to relate biological insult to a common base. A description of Reference Man is contained in the International Commission on Radiological Protection report, ICRP Publication 23, "Report of the Task Group on Reference Man."

Respiratory protective equipment device means an apparatus, such as a respirator, used to reduce an individual's intake of airborne radioactive materials.

<u>Sanitary sewerage</u> means a system of public sewers for carrying off waste water and refuse, but excluding sewage treatment facilities, septic tanks, and leach fields owned or operated by the licensee or registrant.

Stochastic effect means a health effect that occurs randomly and for which the probability of the effect occurring, rather than its severity, is assumed to be a linear function of dose without threshold. Hereditary effects and cancer incidence are examples of stochastic effects. For purposes of 105 CMR 120.000, probabilistic effect is an equivalent term.

<u>Very high radiation area</u> means an area, accessible to individuals, in which radiation levels from radiation sources external to the body could result in an individual receiving an absorbed dose in excess of 500 rads (five grays) in one hour at one meter from a source of radiation or from any surface that the radiation penetrates. \*[At very high doses received at high dose rates, units of absorbed dose, gray and rad, are appropriate, rather than units of dose equivalent, sievert and rem].

Weighting factor  $W_T$  for an organ or tissue (T) means the proportion of the risk of stochastic effects resulting from irradiation of that organ or tissue to the total risk of stochastic effects when the whole body is irradiated uniformly. For calculating the effective dose equivalent, the values of  $W_T$  are:

At very high doses received at high dose rates, units of absorbed dose, gray and rad, are appropriate, rather than units of dose equivalent, sievert and rem.

#### 120.203: continued

#### ORGAN DOSE WEIGHTING FACTORS

Organ or Tissue	$\mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{T}}$
Gonads	0.25
Breast	0.15
Red bone marrow	0.12
Lung	0.12
Thyroid	0.03
Bone surfaces	0.03
Remainder	$0.30^*$
Whole Body	1.00**

<sup>0.30</sup> results from 0.06 for each of 5 "remainder" organs, excluding the skin and the lens of the eye, that receive the highest doses.

For the purpose of weighting the external whole body dose, for adding it to the internal dose, a single weighting factor,  $w_T = 1.0$ , has been specified. The use of other weighting factors for external exposure will be approved on a case-by-case basis until such time as specific guidance is issued.

#### 120.204 Implementation

- (A) Any existing license or certificate of registration condition that is more restrictive than 105 CMR 120.200 remains in force until there is an amendment or renewal of the license or registration.
- (B) If a license or certificate of registration condition exempts a licensee or registrant from a provision of 105 CMR 120.200 in effect on or before the effective date of the revised 105 CMR 120.200 regulations July 9, 1999, it also exempts the licensee or registrant from the corresponding provision of 105 CMR 120.200.
- (C) If a license or registration condition cites provisions of 105 CMR 120.200 in effect prior to the effective date of the revised 105 CMR 120.200 regulations July 9, 1999, which do not correspond to any provisions of the revised 105 CMR 120.200, the license or registration condition remains in force until there is an amendment or renewal of the license or registration that modifies or removes this condition.

### 120.210: Radiation Protection Programs

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall develop, document, and implement a radiation protection program sufficient to ensure compliance with the provisions of 105 CMR 120.200. See 105 CMR 120.262 for recordkeeping requirements relating to these programs.
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall use, to the extent practical practicable, procedures and engineering controls based upon sound radiation protection principles to achieve occupational doses and doses to members of the public that are as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA).
- (C) The licensee or registrant shall, at intervals not to exceed 12 months, review the radiation protection program content and implementation.
- (D) To implement the ALARA requirements of 105 CMR 120.210(B), and notwithstanding the requirements in 105 CMR 120.221, a constraint on air emissions of radioactive material to the environment, excluding Radon-222 and its daughters, shall be established by licensees, such that the individual member of the public likely to receive the highest dose will not be expected to receive a total effective dose equivalent in excess of 0.1 mSv (10 mrem) per year from these emissions. If a licensee subject to this requirement exceeds this dose constraint, the licensee shall report the exceedance as provided in 105 CMR 120.283 and promptly take appropriate corrective action to ensure against recurrence.

#### 120.211: Occupational Dose Limits for Adults

- (A) The licensee or registrant shall control the occupational dose to individual adults, except for planned special exposures pursuant to 105 CMR 120.216, to the following dose limits:
  - (1) An annual limit, which is the more limiting of:
    - (a) the total effective dose equivalent being equal to (0.05 sievert) (5 rems); or,
    - (b) the sum of the deep dose equivalent and the committed dose equivalent to any individual organ or tissue other than the lens of the eye being equal to (0.5 sievert) (50 rems).
  - (2) The annual limits to the lens of the eye, to the skin, and to the extremities which are:
    - (a) a lens an eye dose equivalent of (0.15 sievert) (15 rems), and,
    - (b) a shallow dose equivalent of (0.5 sievert) (50 rems) to the skin or to any extremity.
- (B) Doses received in excess of the annual limits, including doses received during accidents, emergencies, and planned special exposures, shall be subtracted from the limits for planned special exposures that the individual may receive during the current year and during the individual's lifetime. *See* 105 CMR 120.216(E)(1) and (2).
- (C) The assigned deep dose equivalent and shallow dose equivalent shall be for the portion of the body receiving the highest exposure. The assigned shallow-dose equivalent must be the dose averaged over the contiguous 10 square centimeters of skin receiving the highest exposure:
  - (1) The deep-dose equivalent, lens-dose equivalent, and shallow-dose equivalent may be assessed from surveys or other radiation measurements for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the occupational dose limits, if the individual monitoring device was not in the region of highest potential exposure, or the results of individual monitoring are unavailable; The deep dose equivalent, eye dose equivalent and shallow dose equivalent may be assessed from surveys or other radiation measurements for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the occupational dose limits, if the individual monitoring device was not in the region of highest potential exposure, or the results of individual monitoring are unavailable; or
  - (2) When a protective apron is worn while working medical fluoroscopic equipment and monitoring is conducted as specified in 105 CMR 120.226(A)(4), the effective dose equivalent for external radiation shall be determined as follows:
    - (a) When only one individual monitoring device is used and it is located at the neck (collar) outside the protective apron, the reported deep dose equivalent shall be the effective dose equivalent for external radiation; or
    - (b) When only one individual monitoring device is used and it is located at the neck (collar) outside the protective apron, and the reported dose exceeds 25% of the limit specified in 105 CMR 120.211(A), the reported deep dose equivalent value multiplied by 0.3 shall be the effective dose equivalent for external radiation; or
    - (c) When individual monitoring devices are worn, both under the protective apron at the waist and outside the protective apron at the neck, the effective dose equivalent for external radiation shall be assigned the value of the sum of the deep dose equivalent reported for the individual monitoring device located at the waist under the protective apron multiplied by 1.5 and the deep dose equivalent reported for the individual monitoring device located at the neck outside the protective apron multiplied by 0.04.
- (D) Derived air concentration (DAC) and annual limit on intake (ALI) values are specified in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table I and may be used to determine the individual's dose and to demonstrate compliance with the occupational dose limits. See 105 CMR 120.267 6.
- (E) In addition to Notwithstanding the annual dose limits, the licensee shall limit the soluble uranium intake by an individual to ten milligrams in a week in consideration of chemical toxicity. See footnote 3 of 105 CMR 120.296: Appendix B.
- (F) The licensee or registrant shall reduce the dose that an individual may be allowed to receive in the current year by the amount of occupational dose received while employed by any other person during the current year. See 105 CMR 120.2154.

#### 120.212: Compliance with Requirements for Summation of External and Internal Doses

- (A) If the licensee is required to monitor pursuant to both 105 CMR 120.226(A) and (B), the licensee shall demonstrate compliance with the dose limits by summing external and internal doses. If the licensee or registrant is required to monitor only pursuant to 105 CMR 120.226(A) or only pursuant to 105 CMR 120.226(B), then summation is not required to demonstrate compliance with the dose limits. The licensee may demonstrate compliance with the requirements for summation of external and internal doses pursuant to 105 CMR 120.212(B), (C) and (D). The dose equivalents for the lens of the eye, the skin, and the extremities are not included in the summation, but are subject to separate limits.
- (B) <u>Intake by Inhalation</u>. If the only intake of radionuclides is by inhalation, the total effective dose equivalent limit is not exceeded if the sum of the deep dose equivalent divided by the total effective dose equivalent limit, and one of the following, does not exceed unity:
  - (1) the sum of the fractions of the inhalation ALI for each radionuclide;
  - (2) the total number of derived air concentration-hours (DAC-hours) for all radionuclides divided by 2,000; or,
  - (3) the sum of the calculated committed effective dose equivalents to all significantly irradiated organs or tissues (T) calculated from bioassay data using appropriate biological models and expressed as a fraction of the annual limit. For purposes of this requirement, an organ or tissue is deemed to be significantly irradiated if, for that organ or tissue, the product of the weighting factors,  $w_T$ , and the committed dose equivalent,  $H_{T,50}$ , per unit intake is greater than 10% of the maximum weighted value of  $H_{T,50}$ , that is,  $w_T H_{T,50}$ , per unit intake for any organ or tissue.
- (C) <u>Intake by Oral Ingestion</u>. If the occupationally exposed individual receives an intake of radionuclides by oral ingestion greater than 10% of the applicable oral ALI, the licensee shall account for this intake and include it in demonstrating compliance with the limits.
- (D) <u>Intake through Wounds or Absorption through Skin</u>. The licensee shall evaluate and, to the extent practical, account for intakes through wounds or skin absorption. The intake through intact skin has been included in the calculation of DAC for hydrogen-3 and does not need to be evaluated. or accounted for pursuant to 105 CMR 120.212(D).

#### 120.213: Determination of External Dose from Airborne Radioactive Material

- (A) Licensees shall, when determining the dose from airborne radioactive material, include the contribution to the deep dose equivalent, eye lens dose equivalent, and shallow dose equivalent from external exposure to the radioactive cloud. See 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, footnotes 1 and 2.
- (B) Airborne radioactivity measurements and DAC values shall not be used as the primary means to assess the deep dose equivalent when the airborne radioactive material includes radionuclides other than noble gases or if the cloud of airborne radioactive material is not relatively uniform. The determination of the deep dose equivalent to an individual shall be based upon measurements using instruments or individual monitoring devices.

#### 120.214: Determination of Internal Exposure

- (A) For purposes of assessing dose used to determine compliance with occupational dose equivalent limits, the licensee shall, when required pursuant to 105 CMR 120.226, take suitable and timely measurements of:
  - (1) concentrations of radioactive materials in air in work areas; or
  - (2) quantities of radionuclides in the body; or
  - (3) quantities of radionuclides excreted from the body; or
  - (4) combinations of these measurements.
- (B) Unless respiratory protective equipment is used, as provided in 105 CMR 120.233, or the assessment of intake is based on bioassays, the licensee shall assume that an individual inhales radioactive material at the airborne concentration in which the individual is present.

#### 120.214: continued

- (C) When specific information on the physical and biochemical properties of the radionuclides taken into the body or the behavior of the material in an individual is known, the licensee may:
  - (1) use that information to calculate the committed effective dose equivalent, and, if used, the licensee shall document that information in the individual's record;
  - (2) upon prior approval of the Agency, adjust the DAC or ALI values to reflect the actual physical and chemical characteristics of airborne radioactive material, for example, aerosol size distribution or density; and,
  - (3) separately assess the contribution of fractional intakes of Class D, W, or Y compounds of a given radionuclide to the committed effective dose equivalent. See 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*.
- (D) If the licensee chooses to assess intakes of Class Y material using the measurements given in 105 CMR 120.214(A)(2) or (3), the licensee may delay the recording and reporting of the assessments for periods up to seven months, unless otherwise required by 105 CMR 120.282 or 105 CMR 120.283. This delay permits the licensee to make additional measurements basic to the assessments.
- (E) If the identity and concentration of each radionuclide in a mixture are known, the fraction of the DAC applicable to the mixture for use in calculating DAC-hours shall be either:
  - (1) the sum of the ratios of the concentration to the appropriate DAC value, that is, D, W, or Y, from 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B* for each radionuclide in the mixture; or,
  - (2) the ratio of the total concentration for all radionuclides in the mixture to the most restrictive DAC value for any radionuclide in the mixture.
- (F) If the identity of each radionuclide in a mixture is known, but the concentration of one or more of the radionuclides in the mixture is not known, the DAC for the mixture shall be the most restrictive DAC of any radionuclide in the mixture.
- (G) When a mixture of radionuclides in air exists, a licensee may disregard certain radionuclides in the mixture if:
  - (1) the licensee uses the total activity of the mixture in demonstrating compliance with the dose limits in 105 CMR 120.211 and in complying with the monitoring requirements in 105 CMR 120.226(B);
  - (2) the concentration of any radionuclide disregarded is less than 10% of its DAC; and,
  - (3) the sum of these percentages for all of the radionuclides disregarded in the mixture does not exceed 30%.
- (H) When determining the committed effective dose equivalent, the following information may be considered:
  - (1) In order to calculate the committed effective dose equivalent, the licensee may assume that the inhalation of one ALI, or an exposure of 2,000 DAC-hours, results in a committed effective dose equivalent of (0.05 sievert) (5 rems) for radionuclides that have their ALIs or DACs based on the committed effective dose equivalent.
  - (2) For an ALI and the associated DAC determined by the nonstochastic organ dose limit of (0.5 sievert) (50 rems), the intake of radionuclides that would result in a committed effective dose equivalent of (0.05 sievert) (5 rems), that is, the stochastic ALI, is listed in parentheses in Table I of 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*. The licensee may, as a simplifying assumption, use the stochastic ALI to determine committed effective dose equivalent. However, if the licensee uses the stochastic ALI, the licensee shall also demonstrate that the limit in 105 CMR 120.211(A)(1)(b) is met.

#### 120.215: Determination of Prior Occupational Dose

(A)	Ean analy individ	ual mba mari a	stan tha liaanaaa	la am maaiatmamtla	maatmiatad amaa	and is librate to a	
(A)	Tor each marvia	uai wiio iiiay ei	ner me memsee	s or registraints	restricted area	and is likely to i	ecerve, in a year, an
	matiamal daga magu	imina manitanin	a mumou ont to 10	CMD 120 226	the licenses on	maniatuant aball.	
occu	pational dose requ	ппошопи	2 Dursuant to 10.	) CIVIN 120.220.	the needsee of	Tegistrant snan.	

(1) determine the occupational radiation dose received during the current year; and,

## 120.215: continued (2) attempt to obtain the records of lifetime cumulative occupational radiation dose. (B) Prior to permitting an individual to participate in a planned special exposure, the licensee or registrant shall determine: (1) the internal and external doses from all previous planned special exposures; (2) all doses in excess of the limits, including doses received during accidents and emergencies, received during the lifetime of the individual. (C) In complying with the requirements of 105 CMR 120.215(A), a licensee or registrant may: (1) accept, as a record of the occupational dose that the individual received during the current year, a written signed statement from the individual, or from the individual's most recent employer for work involving radiation exposure, that discloses the nature and the amount of any occupational dose that the individual received during the current year; (2) accept, as the record of lifetime cumulative radiation dose, an up-to-date Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent, signed by the individual and countersigned by an appropriate official of the most recent employer for work involving radiation exposure, or the individual's current employer, if the individual is not employed by the licensee or registrant; and, (3) obtain reports of the individual's dose equivalent from the most recent employer for work involving radiation exposure, or the individual's current employer, if the individual is not employed by the licensee or registrant, by telephone, telegram, facsimile, or letter. The licensee or registrant shall request a written verification of the dose data if the authenticity of the transmitted report cannot be established. (D) (1) The licensee or registrant shall record the exposure history, as required by 105 CMR 120.215(A), on Form MRCP 120.200-2, or other clear and legible record, of all the information required on that form. The form or record shall show each period in which the individual received occupational exposure to radiation or radioactive material and shall be signed by the individual who received the exposure. For each period for which the licensee or registrant obtains reports, the licensee or registrant shall use the dose shown in the report in preparing Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent. For any period in which the licensee or registrant does not obtain a report, the licensee or registrant shall place a notation on Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent indicating the periods of time for which data are (2) Licensees are not required to partition historical dose between external dose equivalent(s) and internal committed dose equivalent(s). Further, occupational exposure histories obtained and recorded on form MRCP 120,200-2 or equivalent before February 24, 1995, might not have included effective dose equivalent, but may be used in the absence of specific information on the intake of radionuclides by the individual. If the licensee or registrant is unable to obtain a complete record of an individual's current and previously accumulated occupational dose, the licensee or registrant shall assume: (1) in establishing administrative controls pursuant to 105 CMR 120.211(F) for the current year, that the allowable dose limit for the individual is reduced by 1.25 rems (12.5 millisieverts) for each quarter for which records were unavailable and the individual was engaged in activities that could have resulted in occupational radiation exposure; and, (2) that the individual is not available for planned special exposures. (F) The licensee or registrant shall retain the records on Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or certificate of registration requiring this record. The licensee or registrant shall retain records used in

preparing Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent for three years after the record is made.

#### 120.216: Planned Special Exposures

A licensee or registrant may authorize an adult worker to receive doses in addition to and accounted for separately from the doses received under the limits specified in 105 CMR 120.211 provided that each of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (A) The licensee or registrant authorizes a planned special exposure only in an exceptional situation when alternatives that might avoid higher exposure the dose estimated to result from the planned special exposure are unavailable or impractical.
- (B) The licensee or registrant, and employer if the employer is not the licensee or registrant, specifically authorizes the planned special exposure, in writing, before the exposure occurs.
- (C) Before a planned special exposure, the licensee or registrant ensures that each individual involved is:
  - (1) informed of the purpose of the planned operation;
  - (2) informed of the estimated doses and associated potential risks and specific radiation levels or other conditions that might be involved in performing the task; and,
  - (3) instructed in the measures to be taken to keep the dose ALARA considering other risks that may be present.
- (D) Prior to permitting an individual to participate in a planned special exposure, the licensee or registrant ascertains prior doses as required by 105 CMR 120.265 15(B) during the lifetime of the individual for each individual involved.
- (E) Subject to 105 CMR 120.211(B), the licensee or registrant shall not authorize a planned special exposure that would cause an individual to receive a dose from all planned special exposures and all doses in excess of the limits to exceed:
  - (1) the numerical values of any of the dose limits in 105 CMR 120.211(A) in any year; and,
  - (2) five times the annual dose limits in 105 CMR 120.211(A) during the individual's lifetime.
- (F) The licensee or registrant maintains records of the conduct of a planned special exposure in accordance with 105 CMR 120.266 and submits a written report to the Agency in accordance with 105 CMR 120.284.
- (G) The licensee or registrant records the best estimate of the dose resulting from the planned special exposure in the individual's record and informs the individual, in writing, of the dose within 30 days from the date of the planned special exposure. The dose from planned special exposures shall not be considered in controlling future occupational dose of the individual pursuant to 105 CMR 120.211(A) but shall be included in evaluations required by 105 CMR 120.216(D) and (E).

#### 120.217: Occupational Dose Limits for Minors

The annual occupational dose limits for minors are 10% of the annual occupational dose limits specified for adult workers in 105 CMR 120.211.

#### 120.218: Dose Equivalent to an Embryo/Fetus

(A) The licensee or registrant shall ensure that the dose equivalent to an embryo/fetus during the entire pregnancy, due to occupational exposure of a declared pregnant woman, does not exceed (five millisieverts) (0.5 rem). See 105 CMR 120.267(D) for recordkeeping requirements.

#### 120.218: continued

- (B) The licensee or registrant shall make efforts to avoid substantial variation above a uniform monthly exposure rate to a declared pregnant woman so as to satisfy the limit in 105 CMR 120.218(A).
- (C) The dose equivalent to an the embryo/fetus shall be taken as is the sum of:
  - (1) the deep dose equivalent to the embryo/fetus from radionuclides in the embryo/fetus and radionuclides in the declared pregnant woman; and,
  - (2) the dose equivalent resulting from radionuclides in the embryo/fetus and radionuclides in the declared pregnant woman that is most representative of the dose to the embryo/fetus from external radiation, that is, in the mother's lower torso region.
    - (a) If multiple measurements have not been made, assignment of the highest deep dose equivalent for the declared pregnant woman shall be the dose to the embryo/fetus, in accordance with 105 CMR 120.215(C); or,
    - (b) If multiple measurements have been made, assignment of the deep dose equivalent for the declared pregnant woman from the individual monitoring device which is most representative of the dose to the embryo/fetus shall be the dose equivalent to the embryo/fetus. Assignment of the highest deep dose equivalent for the declared pregnant woman to the embryo/fetus is not required unless that dose is also the most representative deep dose equivalent for the region of the embryo/fetus.
- (D) If by the time the woman declares pregnancy to the licensee or registrant, the dose equivalent to the embryo/fetus has is found to have exceeded (4.5 millisieverts)-(0.45 rem), or is within 0.5 millisieverts (0.05 rem) of this dose, by the time the woman declares the pregnancy to the licensee or registrant, the licensee or registrant shall be deemed to be in compliance with 105 CMR 120.218(A), if the additional dose to the embryo/fetus does not exceed (0.5 millisievert) (0.05 rem) during the remainder of the pregnancy.

#### **Radiation Dose Limits**

#### 120.221: Dose Limits for Individual Members of the Public

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall conduct operations so that:
  - (1) except as provided in 105 CMR 120.221(A)(3), the total effective dose equivalent to individual members of the public from the licensed or registered operation does not exceed (1 millisievert) (0.1 rem) in a year, exclusive of the dose contribution from background radiation, from any medical administration the individual has received, from exposure to individuals administered radioactive material and released in accordance with 105 CMR 120.540, from voluntary participation in medical research programs, and from the licensee's disposal of radioactive material into sanitary sewerage in accordance with 105 CMR 120.253; and,
  - (2) the dose in any unrestricted area from external sources exclusive of the dose contributions from patients administered radioactive material and released in accordance with 105 CMR 120.540, does not exceed (0.02 millisievert) (0.002 rem) in any one hour; and,
  - (3) the total effective dose equivalent to individual members of the public from infrequent exposure to radiation from radiation machines does not exceed 5mSv (0.5 rem).
- (B) If the licensee or registrant permits members of the public to have access to restricted areas, the limits for members of the public continue to apply to those individuals.
- (C) A licensee, registrant, or an applicant for a license or registration may apply for prior Agency authorization to operate up to an annual dose limit for an individual member of the public of (five millisieverts) (0.5 rem). This application shall include the following information:
  - (1) demonstration of the need for and the expected duration of operations in excess of the limit in 105 CMR 120.221(A);
  - (2) the licensee's or registrant's program to assess and control dose within the (five millisieverts) (0.5 rem) annual limit; and,
  - (3) the procedures to be followed to maintain the dose ALARA.
- (D) In addition to the requirements of 105 CMR 120.200, a licensee subject to the provisions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's generally applicable environmental radiation standards in 40 CFR 190 shall comply with those requirements.
- (E) The Agency may impose additional restrictions on radiation levels in unrestricted areas and on the total quantity of radionuclides that a licensee may release in effluents in order to restrict the collective dose.

### 120.222: Compliance with Dose Limits for Individual Members of the Public

- (A) The licensee or registrant shall make or cause to be made surveys of radiation levels in unrestricted areas and radioactive materials in effluents released to unrestricted areas to demonstrate compliance with the dose limits for individual members of the public in 105 CMR 120.221.
- (B) A licensee or registrant shall show compliance with the annual dose limit in 105 CMR 120.221 by:
  - (1) demonstrating by measurement or calculation that the total effective dose equivalent to the individual likely to receive the highest dose from the licensed or registered operation does not exceed the annual dose limit; or,
  - (2) demonstrating that:
    - (a) the annual average concentrations of radioactive material released in gaseous and liquid effluents at the boundary of the unrestricted area do not exceed the values specified in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table II; and,
    - (b) if an individual were continuously present in an unrestricted area, the dose from external sources would not exceed (0.02 millisieverts) (0.002 rem) in an hour and (0.5 millisieverts) (0.05 rem) in a year.
- (C) Upon approval from the Agency, the licensee may adjust the effluent concentration values in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table II, for members of the public, to take into account the actual physical and chemical characteristics of the effluents, such as, aerosol size distribution, solubility, density, radioactive decay equilibrium, and chemical form.

#### 120.223: Testing for Leakage or Contamination of Sealed Sources

- (A) The licensee or registrant in possession of any sealed source shall assure that:
  - (1) Each sealed source, except as specified in 105 CMR 120.223(B), is tested for leakage or contamination and the test results are received before the sealed source is put into use unless the licensee or registrant has a certificate from the transferor indicating that the sealed source was tested within six months before transfer to the licensee or registrant.
  - (2) Each sealed source that is not designed to emit alpha particles is tested for leakage or contamination at intervals not to exceed six months or at alternative intervals approved by the Agency, after evaluation of information specified by 105 CMR 120.128(N), an Agreement State, a Licensing State, or the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
  - (3) Each sealed source that is designed to emit alpha particles is tested for leakage or contamination at intervals not to exceed three months or at alternative intervals approved by the Agency, after evaluation of information specified by 105 CMR 120.128(N), an Agreement State, a Licensing State, or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
  - (4) For each sealed source that is required to be tested for leakage or contamination, at any other time there is reason to suspect that the sealed source might have been damaged or might be leaking, the licensee or registrant shall assure that the sealed source is tested for leakage or contamination before further use.
  - (5) Tests for leakage for all sealed sources, except brachytherapy sources manufactured to contain radium, shall be capable of detecting the presence of 185 Bq  $(0.005~\mu\text{Ci})$  of radioactive material on a test sample. Test samples shall be taken from the sealed source or from the surfaces of the container in which the sealed source is stored or mounted on which one might expect contamination to accumulate. For a sealed source contained in a device, test samples are obtained when the source is in the "off" position.
  - (6) The test for leakage for brachytherapy sources manufactured to contain radium shall be capable of detecting an absolute leakage rate of 37 Bq (0.001  $\mu$ Ci) of radon-222 in a 24 hour period when the collection efficiency for radon-222 and its daughters has been determined with respect to collection method, volume and time.
  - (7) Tests for contamination from radium daughters shall be taken on the interior surface of brachytherapy source storage containers and shall be capable of detecting the presence of 185 Bq (0.005  $\mu$ Ci) of a radium daughter which has a half-life greater than four days.
- (B) A licensee or registrant need not perform test for leakage or contamination on the following sealed sources:
  - (1) Sealed sources containing only radioactive material with a half-life of less than 30 days;
  - (2) Sealed sources containing only radioactive material as a gas;
  - (3) Sealed sources containing 3.7 MBq (100  $\mu$ Ci) or less of beta or photon-emitting material or 370 kBq (10  $\mu$ Ci) or less of alpha-emitting material;
  - (4) Sealed sources containing only hydrogen-3;
  - (5) Seeds of iridium-192 encased in nylon ribbon; and
  - (6) Sealed sources, except teletherapy and brachytherapy sources, which are stored, not being used and identified as in storage. The licensee or registrant shall, however, test each such sealed source for leakage or contamination and receive the test results before any use or transfer unless it has been tested for leakage or contamination within 6 months before the date of use or transfer.
- (C) Tests for leakage or contamination from sealed sources shall be performed by persons specifically authorized by the Agency, an Agreement State, a Licensing State, or the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to perform such services.

- (D) Test results shall be kept in units of becquerel or microcurie and maintained for inspection by the Agency.
- (E) The following shall be considered evidence that a sealed source is leaking:
  - (1) The presence of 185 Bq  $(0.005 \,\mu\text{Ci})$  or more of removable contamination on any test sample.
  - (2) Leakage of 37 Bq (0.001 μCi) of radon-222 per 24 hours for brachytherapy sources manufactured to contain radium.
  - (3) The presence of removable contamination resulting from the decay of 185 Bq (0.005 μCi) or more of radium.
- (F) The licensee or registrant shall immediately withdraw a leaking sealed source from use and shall take action to prevent the spread of contamination. The leaking sealed source shall be repaired or disposed of in accordance with this 105 CMR 120.200.
- (G) Reports of test results for leaking or contaminated sealed sources shall be made pursuant to 105 CMR 120.288.

#### **Surveys and Monitoring**

## 120.225: General

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall make, or cause to be made, surveys that:
  - (1) are necessary for the licensee or registrant to comply with 105 CMR 120.200;
  - (2) are necessary under the circumstances to evaluate:
    - (a) the magnitude and extent of radiation levels;
    - (b) concentrations or quantities of radioactive material; and,
    - (c) the potential radiological hazards that could be present.
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall ensure that instruments and equipment used for quantitative radiation measurements, for example, dose rate and effluent monitoring, are calibrated at intervals not to exceed 12 months for the radiation measured except when a more frequent interval is specified in another applicable section of 105 CMR 120.000 or license condition.
- (C) All personnel dosimeters, except for direct and indirect reading pocket ionization chambers and those dosimeters used to measure the dose to any extremity, that require processing to determine the radiation dose and that are used by licensees and registrants to comply with 105 CMR 120.211, with other applicable provisions of 105 CMR 120.000, or with conditions specified in a license or certificate of registration, shall be processed and evaluated by a dosimetry processor:
  - (1) holding current personnel dosimetry accreditation from the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and,
  - (2) approved in this accreditation process for the type of radiation or radiations included in the NVLAP program that most closely approximates the type of radiation or radiations for which the individual wearing the dosimeter is monitored.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall ensure that adequate precautions are taken to prevent a deceptive exposure of an individual monitoring device.

#### 120.226: Conditions Requiring Individual Monitoring of External and Internal Occupational Dose

Each licensee or registrant shall monitor exposures from sources of radiation at levels sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the occupational dose limits of 105 CMR 120.200. As a minimum:

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall monitor occupational exposure to radiation from licensed and unlicensed radiation sources under its control and shall supply and require the use of individual monitoring devices by:
  - (1) adults likely to receive, in one year from sources external to the body, a dose in excess of 10% of the limits in 105 CMR 120.211(A);
  - (2) minors and declared pregnant women likely to receive, in one year from sources external to the body, a deep dose equivalent in excess of 10% of any of the applicable limits in 105 CMR 120.217 or 105 CMR 120.218 1 millisievert (0.1 rem), a lens dose equivalent in excess of 1.5 millisievert (0.15 rem), or a shallow dose equivalent to the skin or to the extremities- in excess of 5 millisievert (0.5 rem); and,
  - (3) Declared pregnant women likely to receive during the entire pregnancy, from radiation sources external to the body, a deep dose equivalent in excess of 1 millisievert (0.1 rem) [Note: All of the occupational doses in 120.211 continue to be applicable to the declared pregnant worker as long as the embryo/fetus dose limit is not exceeded]; and,
  - (43) individuals entering a high or very high radiation area.
  - (5 4) Individuals working medical fluoroscopic equipment.
    - (a) An individual monitoring device used for the dose to an embryo/fetus of a declared pregnant woman, pursuant

- to 105 CMR 120.218(A), shall be located under the protective apron at the waist.
- (b) An individual monitoring device used for eye dose lens dose equivalent shall be located at the neck (collar), or an unshielded location closer to the eye, outside the protective apron.
- (c) When only one individual monitoring device is used to determine the effective dose equivalent for external radiation pursuant to 105 CMR 120.211(C)(2), it shall be located at the neck (collar) outside the protective apron. When a second individual monitoring device is used, for the same purpose, it shall be located under the protective apron at the waist. The second individual monitoring device is required for a declared pregnant woman.
- (B) Each licensee shall monitor, to determine compliance with 105 CMR 120.214, the occupational intake of radioactive material by and assess the committed effective dose equivalent to:
  - (1) adults likely to receive, in one year, an intake in excess of 10% of the applicable ALI in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table I, Columns 1 and 2; and
  - (2) minors and declared pregnant women likely to receive, in one year, a committed effective dose equivalent in excess of (0.5 1 millisieverts) (0.051 rem); and,
  - (3) declared pregnant women likely to receive, during the entire pregnancy, a committed effective dose equivalent in excess of 1m Sv (0.1 rem).
- (C) Each licensee or registrant shall ensure that individuals who are required to monitor occupational doses in accordance with 105 CMR 120.226(A) wear individual monitoring devices as follows:
  - (1) An individual monitoring device used for monitoring the dose to whole body shall be worn at the unshielded location of the whole body likely to receive the highest exposure. When a protective apron is worn, the location of the individual monitoring device is typically at the neck (collar).
  - (2) An individual monitoring device used for monitoring the dose to an embryo/fetus of a declared pregnant woman, pursuant to 105 CMR 120.218(A), shall be located at the waist under any protective apron being worn by the woman.
  - (3) An individual monitoring device used for monitoring eye lens dose equivalent, to demonstrate compliance with 105 CMR 120.211(A)(2)(a), shall be located at the neck (collar), outside any protective apron being worn by the monitored individual, or at an unshielded location closer to the eye.
  - (4) An individual monitoring device used for monitoring the dose to the extremities, to demonstrate compliance with 105 CMR 120.211(A)(2)(b), shall be worn on the extremity most likely to receive the highest exposure. Each individual monitoring device shall be oriented to measure the highest dose to the extremity being monitored.

#### 120.227: Control of Access to High Radiation Areas

- (A) The licensee or registrant shall ensure that each entrance or access point to a high radiation area has one or more of the following features:
  - (1) a control device that, upon entry into the area, causes the level of radiation to be reduced below that level at which an individual might receive a deep dose equivalent of (1 millisievert) (0.1 rem) in one hour at 30 centimeters from the source of radiation or from any surface that the radiation penetrates;
  - (2) a control device that energizes a conspicuous visible or audible alarm signal so that the individual entering the high radiation area and the supervisor of the activity are made aware of the entry; or,
  - (3) entryways that are locked, except during periods when access to the areas is required, with positive control over each individual entry.
- (B) In place of the controls required by 105 CMR 120.227(A) for a high radiation area, the licensee or registrant may substitute continuous direct or electronic surveillance that is capable of preventing unauthorized entry.
- (C) The licensee or registrant may apply to the Agency for approval of alternative methods for controlling access to high radiation areas.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall establish the controls required by 105 CMR 120.227(A) and 120.227(C) in a way that does not prevent individuals from leaving a high radiation area.
- (E) The licensee is not required to control each entrance or access point to a room or other area that is a high radiation area solely because of the presence of radioactive materials prepared for transport and packaged and labeled in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation provided that:
  - (1) the packages do not remain in the area longer than three days; and,
  - (2) the dose rate at one meter from the external surface of any package does not exceed (0.1 millisievert) (0.01 rem) per hour.
- (F) The licensee is not required to control entrance or access to rooms or other areas in hospitals solely because of the presence of patients containing radioactive material, provided that there are personnel in attendance who are taking the necessary precautions to prevent the exposure of individuals to radiation or radioactive material in excess of the established limits in this part and to operate within the ALARA provisions of the licensee's radiation protection program.
- (G) The registrant is not required to control entrance or access to rooms or other areas containing sources of radiation capable of producing a high radiation area as described in 105 CMR 120.227 if the registrant has met all the specific requirements for access and control specified in other applicable parts of 105 CMR 120.000, such as, 105 CMR 120.300 for industrial radiography, 105 CMR 120.4030 for x-rays in the healing arts, and 105 CMR 120.700 for particle accelerators.

#### 120.228: Control of Access to Very High Radiation Areas

- (A) In addition to the requirements in 105 CMR 120.227, the licensee or registrant shall institute measures to ensure that an individual is not able to gain unauthorized or inadvertent access to areas in which radiation levels could be encountered at (five grays) (500 rads) or more in one hour at one meter from a source of radiation or any surface through which the radiation penetrates at this level. This requirement does not apply to rooms or areas in which diagnostic x-ray systems are the only source of radiation.
- (B) The registrant is not required to control entrance or access to rooms or other areas containing sources of radiation capable of producing a very high radiation area as described in 105 CMR 120.228(A) if the registrant has met all the specific requirements for access and control specified in other applicable parts of 105 CMR 120.000, such as, 105 CMR 120.300 for industrial radiography, 105 CMR 120.4030 for x-rays in the healing arts, and 105 CMR 120.700 for particle accelerators.

#### 120.229: Control of Access to Very High Radiation Areas -- Irradiators

- (A) 105 CMR 120.229 applies to licensees with sources of radiation in non-self-shielded irradiators. 105 CMR 120.229 does not apply to sources of radiation that are used in teletherapy, in industrial radiography, or in completely self-shielded irradiators in which the source of radiation is both stored and operated within the same shielding radiation barrier and, in the designed configuration of the irradiator, is always physically inaccessible to any individual and cannot create high levels of radiation in an area that is accessible to any individual.
- (B) Each area in which there may exist radiation levels in excess of (five grays) (500 rads) in one hour at one meter from a source of radiation that is used to irradiate materials shall meet the following requirements:
  - (1) Each entrance or access point shall be equipped with entry control devices which:
    - (a) function automatically to prevent any individual from inadvertently entering a very high radiation area;
    - (b) permit deliberate entry into the area only after a control device is actuated that causes the radiation level within the area, from the source of radiation, to be reduced below that at which it would be possible for an individual to receive a deep dose equivalent in excess of (one millisievert) (0.1 rem) in one hour; and,
    - (c) prevent operation of the source of radiation if it would produce radiation levels in the area that could result in a deep dose equivalent to an individual in excess of (one millisievert)(0.1 rem) in one hour.
  - (2) Additional control devices shall be provided so that, upon failure of the entry control devices to function as required by 105 CMR 120.229(B)(1):
    - (a) the radiation level within the area, from the source of radiation, is reduced below that at which it would be possible for an individual to receive a deep dose equivalent in excess of (one millisievert)(0.1 rem) in one hour; and,
    - (b) conspicuous visible and audible alarm signals are generated to make an individual attempting to enter the area aware of the hazard and at least one other authorized individual, who is physically present, familiar with the activity, and prepared to render or summon assistance, aware of the failure of the entry control devices.
  - (3) The licensee shall provide control devices so that, upon failure or removal of physical radiation barriers other than the sealed source's shielded storage container:
    - (a) the radiation level from the source of radiation is reduced below that at which it would be possible for an individual to receive a deep dose equivalent in excess of (one millisievert)(0.1 rem) in one hour; and,
    - (b) conspicuous visible and audible alarm signals are generated to make potentially affected individuals aware of the hazard and the licensee or at least one other individual, who is familiar with the activity and prepared to render or summon assistance, aware of the failure or removal of the physical barrier.
  - (4) When the shield for stored sealed sources is a liquid, the licensee shall provide means to monitor the integrity of the shield and to signal, automatically, loss of adequate shielding.
  - (5) Physical radiation barriers that comprise permanent structural components, such as walls, that have no credible probability of failure or removal in ordinary circumstances, need not meet the requirements of 105 CMR 120.229(B)(3) and 120.229(B)(4).
  - (6) Each area shall be equipped with devices that will automatically generate conspicuous visible and audible alarm signals to alert personnel in the area before the source of radiation can be put into operation and in time for any individual in the area to operate a clearly identified control device, which must be installed in the area and which can prevent the source of radiation from being put into operation.
  - (7) Each area shall be controlled by use of such administrative procedures and such devices as are necessary to ensure that the area is cleared of personnel prior to each use of the source of radiation.
  - (8) Each area shall be checked by a radiation measurement to ensure that, prior to the first individual's entry into the area after any use of the source of radiation, the radiation level from the source of radiation in the area is below that at which it would be possible for an individual to receive a deep dose equivalent in excess of (one millisievert) (0.1 rem) in one hour.
  - (9) The entry control devices required in 105 CMR 120.229(B)(1) shall be tested for proper functioning. See 105 CMR 120.270 for recordkeeping requirements.

#### 120.229: continued

- (a) Testing shall be conducted prior to initial operation with the source of radiation on any day, unless operations were continued uninterrupted from the previous day.
- (b) Testing shall be conducted prior to resumption of operation of the source of radiation after any unintentional interruption.
- (c) The licensee shall submit and adhere to a schedule for periodic tests of the entry control and warning systems.
- (10) The licensee shall not conduct operations, other than those necessary to place the source of radiation in safe condition or to effect repairs on controls, unless control devices are functioning properly.
- (11) Entry and exit portals that are used in transporting materials to and from the irradiation area, and that are not intended for use by individuals, shall be controlled by such devices and administrative procedures as are necessary to physically protect and warn against inadvertent entry by any individual through these portals. Exit portals for irradiated materials shall be equipped to detect and signal the presence of any loose radioactive material that is carried toward such an exit and automatically to prevent loose radioactive material from being carried out of the area.
- (C) Licensees or applicants for licenses for sources of radiation within the purview of 105 CMR 120.229(B) which will be used in a variety of positions or in locations, such as open fields or forests, that make it impracticable to comply with certain requirements of 105 CMR 120.229(B), such as those for the automatic control of radiation levels, may apply to the Agency for approval of alternative safety measures. Alternative safety measures shall provide personnel protection at least equivalent to those specified in 105 CMR 120.229(B). At least one of the alternative measures shall include an entry-preventing interlock control based on a measurement of the radiation that ensures the absence of high radiation levels before an individual can gain access to the area where such sources of radiation are used.
- (D) The entry control devices required by 105 CMR 120.229(B) and (C) shall be established in such a way that no individual will be prevented from leaving the area.

## 120.231: Use of Process or Other Engineering Controls

The licensee shall use, to the extent practical practicable, process or other engineering controls, such as, containment, decontamination or ventilation, to control the concentrations of radioactive material in air.

#### 120.232: Use of Other Controls

- (A) When it is not practicable to apply process or other engineering controls to control the concentrations of radioactive material in air to values below those that define an airborne radioactivity area, the licensee shall, consistent with maintaining the total effective dose equivalent ALARA, increase monitoring and limit intakes by one or more of the following means:
  - (1 A) control of access;
  - (2 B) limitation of exposure times;
  - (3 E) use of respiratory protection equipment; and,
  - (4 D) other controls.
- (B) If the licensee performs an ALARA analysis to determine whether or not respirators should be used, the licensee may also consider the impact of respirator use on workers' industrial health and safety.

## 120.233: <u>Use of Individual Respiratory Protection Equipment</u>

- (A) If the licensee or registrant uses respiratory protection equipment to limit intakes pursuant to 105 CMR 120.232:
- (A ±) Except as provided in 105 CMR 120.233(A)(2), the licensee or registrant shall use only respiratory protection equipment that is tested and certified or had certification extended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration.;
- (B 2) If tThe licensee or registrant may wishes to use equipment that has not been tested or certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration, or has not had certification extended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration, or for which there is no schedule for testing or certification, the licensee shall submit an application to provided the licensee or registrant has submitted to the Agency and the Agency has approved an application for authorizationed to use of that this equipment, except as otherwise noted in 105 CMR 120.200. The application must include evidence including a demonstration by testing, or a demonstration on the basis of test information, that the material and performance characteristics of the equipment are capable

of providing the proposed degree of protection under anticipated conditions of use. This must be demonstrated either by the licensee's or registrant's testing or on the basis of reliable test information;

- (C 3) The licensee or registrant shall implement and maintain a respiratory protection program that includes:
  - (1 a) air sampling sufficient to identify the potential hazard, permit proper equipment selection, and estimate doses exposures;
  - (2 b) surveys and bioassays, as appropriate necessary, to evaluate actual intakes;
  - (3 e) testing of respirators for operability user seal check for face sealing devices and functional check for others) immediately prior to each use;
  - (4 d) written procedures regarding: selection, fitting, issuance, maintenance, and testing of respirators, including testing for operability immediately prior to each use; supervision and training of personnel; monitoring, including air sampling and bioassays; and recordkeeping; and,
    - (a) Monitoring, including air sampling and bioassays;
    - (b) Supervision and training or respirator users;
    - (c) Fit testing;
    - (d) Respirator selection;
    - (e) Breathing air quality;
    - (f) Inventory and control;
    - (g) Storage, issuance, maintenance, repair, testing, and quality assurance of respiratory protection equipment;
    - (h) Recordkeeping; and,
    - (i) Limitations on periods of respirator use and relief from respirator use.
  - (5 e) determination by a physician prior to initial fitting of respirators, and at least every 12 months thereafter, that the individual user is physically able medically fit to use the respiratory protection equipment before:
    - (a) The initial fitting of a face sealing respirator;
    - (b) Before the first field use of non-face sealing respirators, and
    - (c) Either every 12 months thereafter, or periodically at a frequency determined by a physician.
  - (4) The licensee or registrant shall issue a written policy statement on respirator usage covering:
    - (a) the use of process or other engineering controls, instead of respirators;
    - (b) the routine, nonroutine, and emergency use of respirators; and,
    - (c) the length of periods of respirator use and relief from respirator use.
  - (5) The licensee or registrant shall advise each respirator user that the user may leave the area at any time for relief from respirator use in the event of equipment malfunction, physical or psychological distress, procedural or communication failure, significant deterioration of operating conditions, or any other conditions that might require such relief.
  - (6) The licensee or registrant shall use respiratory protection equipment within the equipment manufacturer's expressed limitations for type and mode of use and shall provide proper visual, communication, and other special capabilities, such as adequate skin protection, when needed.
- (B) When estimating exposure of individuals to airborne radioactive materials, the licensee or registrant may make allowance for respiratory protection equipment used to limit intakes pursuant to 105 CMR 120.232, provided that the following conditions, in addition to those in 105 CMR 120.233(A), are satisfied:
  - (1) The licensee or registrant selects respiratory protection equipment that provides a protection factor, specified in 105 CMR 120.295: Appendix A, greater than the multiple by which peak concentrations of airborne radioactive materials in the working area are expected to exceed the values specified in 105 CMR 120.296: Appendix B, Table I, Column 3. However, if the selection of respiratory protection equipment with a protection factor greater than the peak concentration

is inconsistent with the goal specified in 105 CMR 120.232 of keeping the total effective dose equivalent ALARA, the licensee or registrant may select respiratory protection equipment with a lower protection factor provided that such a selection would result in a total effective dose equivalent that is ALARA. The concentration of radioactive material in the air that is inhaled when respirators are worn may be initially estimated by dividing the average concentration in air, during each period of uninterrupted use, by the protection factor. If the exposure is later found to be greater than initially estimated, the corrected value shall be used; if the exposure is later found to be less than initially estimated, the corrected value may be used.

- (2) The licensee or registrant shall obtain authorization from the Agency before assigning respiratory protection factors in excess of those specified in 105 CMR 120.295: Appendix A. The Agency may authorize a licensee or registrant to use higher protection factors on receipt of an application that:
  - (a) describes the situation for which a need exists for higher protection factors; and,
  - (b) demonstrates that the respiratory protection equipment provides these higher protection factors under the proposed conditions of use.
- (C) In an emergency, the licensee or registrant shall use as emergency equipment only respiratory protection equipment that has been specifically certified or had certification extended for emergency use by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall notify the Agency in writing at least 30 days before the date that respiratory protection equipment is first used pursuant to either 105 CMR 120.233(A) or (B).
  - (6) Fit testing, with a fit factor  $\geq 10$  times the APF for negative pressure devices, and a fit factor  $\geq 500$  for any positive pressure, continuous flow, and pressure-demand devices, before the first field use of tight fitting, face sealing respirators and periodically thereafter at a frequency not to exceed 1 year. Fit testing must be performed with the facepiece operating in the negative pressure mode.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall advise each respirator user that the user may leave the area at any time for relief from respirator use in the event of equipment malfunction, physical or psychological distress, procedural or communication failure, significant deterioration of operating conditions, or any other conditions that might require such relief.
- (E) The licensee or registrant shall also consider limitations appropriate to the type and mode of use. When selecting respiratory devices the licensee or registrant shall provide for vision correction, adequate communication, low temperature work environments and the concurrent use of other safety or radiological protection equipment. The licensee or registrant shall use equipment in such a way as not to interfere with the proper operation of the respirator.
- (F) Standby rescue persons are required whenever one-piece atmosphere-supplying suits, or any combination of supplied air respiratory protection device and personnel protective equipment are used from which an unaided individual would have difficulty extricating himself or herself. The standby persons must be equipped with respiratory protection devices or other apparatus appropriate for the potential hazards. The standby rescue persons shall observe or otherwise maintain continuous communication with the workers (visual, voice, signal line, telephone, radio, or other suitable means), and be immediately available to assist them in case of a failure of the air supply or for any other reason that requires relief from distress. A sufficient number of standby rescue persons must be immediately available to assist all users of this type of equipment and to provide effective emergency rescue if needed.
- (G) Atmosphere-supplying respirators must be supplied with respirable air of grade D quality or better as defined by the Compressed Gas Association in publication G-7.1, "Commodity Specification for Air," 1997 and included in the regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (29 CFR 1910.134(i)(1)(ii)(A) through (E). Grade D quality air criteria include:
  - (1) Oxygen content (v/v) of 19.5-23.5%;
  - (2) Hydrocarbon (condensed) content of 5 milligrams per cubic meter of air or less;
  - (3) Carbon Monoxide (CO) content of 10 ppm or less;
  - (4) Carbon Dioxide content of 1,000 ppm or less; and,

- (5) Lack of noticeable odor
- (H) The licensee shall ensure that no objects, materials or substances, such as facial hair, or any conditions that interfere with the face-facepiece seal or valve function, and that are under the control of the wearer, are present between the skin of the wearer's face and the sealing surface of a tight-fitting respirator facepiece.
- (I) In estimating the dose to individuals from intake of airborne radioactive materials, the concentration of radioactive material in the air that is inhaled when respirators are worn is initially assumed to be the ambient concentration in air without the respiratory protection, divided by the assigned protection factor. If the dose is later found to be greater than the estimated dose, the corrected value must be used. If the dose is later found to be less than the estimated dose, the corrected value may be used.

#### 120.234: Further Restrictions on the Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment.

The Agency may impose restrictions in addition to the provisions of 120.232 and 120.233, and 120.295: Appendix A, in order to:

- (A) Ensure that the respiratory protection program of the licensee is adequate to limit doses to individuals from intakes of radioactive materials consistent with maintaining total effective dose equivalent ALARA; and,
- (B) Limit the extent to which a licensee may use respiratory protection equipment instead of process or other engineering controls.

#### 120.235: Application for use of Higher Assigned Protection Factors.

The licensee or registrant shall obtain authorization from the Agency before using assigned respiratory protection factors in excess of those specified in Appendix A. The Agency may authorize a licensee or registrant to use higher protection factors on receipt of an application that:

- (A) Describes the situation for which a need exists for higher protection factors; and,
- (B) Demonstrates that the respiratory protection equipment provides these higher protection factors under the proposed conditions of use.

#### 120.236 5: Security and Control of Licensed or Registered Sources of Radiation

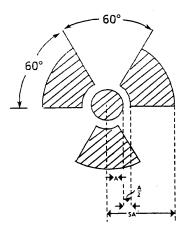
- (A) The licensee shall secure licensed radioactive material from unauthorized removal or access.
- (B) The licensee shall maintain constant surveillance, and use devices or administrative procedures to prevent unauthorized use of licensed radioactive material that is in an unrestricted area and that is not in storage.
- (C) The registrant shall secure registered radiation machines from unauthorized removal.
- (D) The registrant shall use devices or administrative procedures to prevent unauthorized use of registered radiation machines.

## <u>120.23741:</u> <u>Caution Signs</u>

(A) <u>Standard Radiation Symbol</u>. Unless otherwise authorized by the Agency, the symbol prescribed by 105 CMR 120.23741 shall use the colors magenta, or purple, or black on yellow background. The symbol prescribed is the three-bladed design as follows:

## RADIATION SYMBOL

- 1. Cross-hatched area is to be magenta, or purple, or black, and
- 2. The background is to be yellow.



- (B) Exception to Color Requirements for Standard Radiation Symbol. Notwithstanding the requirements of 105 CMR 120.2374+(A), licensees or registrants are authorized to label sources, source holders, or device components containing sources of radiation that are subjected to high temperatures, with conspicuously etched or stamped radiation caution symbols and without a color requirement.
- (C) <u>Additional Information on Signs and Labels</u>. In addition to the contents of signs and labels prescribed in this part, the licensee or registrant shall provide, on or near the required signs and labels, additional information, as appropriate, to make individuals aware of potential radiation exposures and to minimize the exposures.

#### 120.23842: Posting Requirements

- (A) <u>Posting of Radiation Areas</u>. The licensee or registrant shall post each radiation area with a conspicuous sign or signs bearing the radiation symbol and the words "CAUTION, RADIATION AREA."
- (B) <u>Posting of High Radiation Areas</u>. The licensee or registrant shall post each high radiation area with a conspicuous sign or signs bearing the radiation symbol and the words "CAUTION, HIGH RADIATION AREA" or "DANGER, HIGH RADIATION AREA."
- (C) <u>Posting of Very High Radiation Areas</u>. The licensee or registrant shall post each very high radiation area with a conspicuous sign or signs bearing the radiation symbol and words "GRAVE DANGER [not required to use the word GRAVE, this may be omitted], VERY HIGH RADIATION AREA."
- (D) <u>Posting of Airborne Radioactivity Areas</u>. The licensee shall post each airborne radioactivity area with a conspicuous sign or signs bearing the radiation symbol and the words "CAUTION, AIRBORNE RADIOACTIVITY AREA" or "DANGER, AIRBORNE RADIOACTIVITY AREA."
- (E) <u>Posting of Areas or Rooms in which Licensed Material is Used or Stored</u>. The licensee shall post each area or room in which there is used or stored an amount of licensed material exceeding ten times the quantity of such material specified in 105 CMR 120.297: *Appendix C* with a conspicuous sign or signs bearing the radiation symbol and the words "CAUTION, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL(S)" or "DANGER, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL(S)."

120.23943: Exceptions to Posting Requirements

- (A) A licensee or registrant is not required to post caution signs in areas or rooms containing radioactive materials for periods of less than eight hours, if each of the following conditions is met:
  - (1) the radioactive materials are constantly attended during these periods by an individual who takes the precautions necessary to prevent the exposure of individuals to radioactive materials in excess of the limits established in 105 CMR 120.200; and,
  - (2) the area or room is subject to the licensee's or registrant's control.
- (B) Rooms or other areas in hospitals that are occupied by patients are not required to be posted with caution signs pursuant to 105 CMR 120.242 provided that the patient could be released from confinement pursuant to 105 CMR 120.540. requirements of 105 CMR 120.539(A)(2) or 105 CMR 120.545(A)(2) are met.
- (C) Rooms or other areas in hospitals that are occupied by patients are not required to be posted with caution signs, provided that:
  - (1) A patient being treated with a permanent implant could be released from confinement pursuant 105 CMR 120.540 <del>27(B)</del>; or,
  - (2) A patient being treated with a therapeutic radiopharmaceutical could be released from confinement pursuant 105 CMR 120.540 27(A):
- (D) A room or area is not required to be posted with a caution sign because of the presence of a sealed source provided the radiation level at 30 centimeters from the surface of the sealed source container or housing does not exceed 0.05 mSv (0.005 rem) per hour.
- (E) A room or area is not required to be posted with a caution sign because of the presence of radiation machines used solely for diagnosis in the healing arts.
- (F) Rooms in hospitals or clinics that are used for teletherapy are exempt from the requirement to post caution signs under 120.238 if:
  - (1) Access to the room is controlled pursuant to 105 CMR 120.573; and,
  - (2) Personnel in attendance take necessary precautions to prevent the inadvertent exposure of workers, other patients, and members of the public to radiation in excess of the limits established in 105 CMR 120.200.

## 120.24044: Labeling Containers and Radiation Machines

- (A) The licensee shall ensure that each container of licensed material bears a durable, clearly visible label bearing the radiation symbol and the words "CAUTION, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL" or "DANGER, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL." The label shall also provide information, such as the radionuclides present, an estimate of the quantity of radioactivity, the date for which the activity is estimated, radiation levels, kinds of materials, and mass enrichment, to permit individuals handling or using the containers, or working in the vicinity of the containers, to take precautions to avoid or minimize exposures.
- (B) Each licensee shall, prior to removal or disposal of empty uncontaminated containers to unrestricted areas, remove or deface the radioactive material label or otherwise clearly indicate that the container no longer contains radioactive materials.
- (C) Each registrant shall ensure that each radiation machine is labeled in a conspicuous manner which cautions individuals that radiation is produced when it is energized.

#### <u>120.24145</u>: Exemptions to Labeling Requirements

A licensee is not required to label:

- (A) containers holding licensed material in quantities less than the quantities listed in 105 CMR 120.297: Appendix C; or
- (B) containers holding licensed material in concentrations less than those specified in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table III: or
- (C) containers attended by an individual who takes the precautions necessary to prevent the exposure of individuals in excess of the limits established by 105 CMR 120.200; or
- (D) containers when they are in transport and packaged and labeled in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation<sup>1</sup>; or
- (E) containers that are accessible only to individuals authorized to handle or use them, or to work in the vicinity of the containers, if the contents are identified to these individuals by a readily available written record. Examples of containers of this type are containers in locations such as water-filled canals, storage vaults, or hot cells. The record shall be retained as long as the containers are in use for the purpose indicated on the record; or
- (F) installed manufacturing or process equipment, such as piping and tanks.

#### 120.24246: Procedures for Receiving and Opening Packages

- (A) Each licensee or registrant who expects to receive a package containing quantities of radioactive material in excess of a Type A quantity, as defined in 105 CMR 120.772 and 105 CMR 120.795: *Appendix A*, shall make arrangements to receive:
  - (1) the package when the carrier offers it for delivery; or,
  - (2) the notification of the arrival of the package at the carrier's terminal and to take possession of the package expeditiously.
- (B) Each licensee or registrant shall:
  - (1) monitor the external surfaces of a labeled package for radioactive contamination unless the package contains only radioactive material in the form of gas or in special form as defined in 105 CMR 120.005;
  - (2) monitor the external surfaces of a labeled<sup>2</sup> package for radiation levels unless the package contains quantities of radioactive material that are less than or equal to the Type A quantity, as defined in 105 CMR 120.772 and 105 CMR 120.795: *Appendix A*; and,

Labeling of packages containing radioactive materials is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation if the amount and type of radioactive material exceeds the limits for an excepted quantity or article as defined and limited by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations 49 CFR 173.403(m) and (w) and 173.424.

Labeled with a Radioactive White I, Yellow II, or Yellow III label as specified in U.S. Department of Transportation regulations 49 CFR 172.403 and 172.436-440.

#### 120.246: continued

- (3) monitor all packages known to contain radioactive material for radioactive contamination and radiation levels if there is evidence of degradation of package integrity, such as packages that are crushed, wet, or damaged.
- (C) The licensee or registrant shall perform the monitoring required by 105 CMR 120.24246(B) as soon as practicable after receipt of the package, but not later than three hours after the package is received at the licensee's facility if it is received during the licensee's normal working hours, or if there is evidence of degradation of package integrity, such as a package that is crushed, wet, or damaged. If a package is received after working hours, and has no evidence of degradation of package integrity, the package shall be monitored no later than three hours from the beginning of the next working day.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall immediately notify the final delivery carrier and, by telephone and telegram, mailgram, or facsimile, the Agency when:
  - (1) removable radioactive surface contamination exceeds the limits of 105 CMR 120.785(H); or,
  - (2) External radiation levels exceed the limit of 105 CMR 120.785(I) and (J).
- (E) Each licensee or registrant shall:
  - (1) establish, maintain, and retain written procedures for safely opening packages in which radioactive material is received; and.
  - (2) ensure that the procedures are followed and that due consideration is given to special instructions for the type of package being opened.
- (F) Licensees or registrants transferring special form sources in vehicles owned or operated by the licensee to and from a work site are exempt from the contamination monitoring requirements of 105 CMR 120.2426(B), but are not exempt from the monitoring requirement in 105 CMR 120.2426(B) for measuring radiation levels that ensures that the source is still properly lodged in its shield.

#### 120.24391: Vacating Premises

Each licensee, registrant, or person possessing non-exempt sources of radiation shall, no less than 30 days before vacating or relinquishing possession or control of premises which may have been contaminated with radioactive material as a result of his activity, notify the Agency, in writing, of the intent to vacate. When deemed necessary by the Agency, the licensee, registrant, or person possessing non-exempt sources of radiation shall decontaminate the premises in such a manner as the Agency may specify. that the annual total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) to any individual after the site is released for unrestricted use should not exceed ten millirem above background and that the annual TEDE from any specific environmental source during decommissioning activities not exceed ten millirem above background.

## RADIOLOGICAL CRITERIA FOR LICENSE TERMINATION

## 120.244: General Provisions and Scope.

The criteria in 105 CMR 120.244 apply to the decommissioning of facilities licensed under 105 CMR 120.100,120.300, 120.500, 120.800 and 120.900.

- (A) The criteria in this subpart do not apply to sites, which have been decommissioned prior to the effective date of this rule.
- (B) After a site has been decommissioned and the license terminated in accordance with the criteria in 105 CMR 120.244, the Agency will require additional cleanup only if, based on new information, it determines that the criteria of 105 CMR 120.244 were not met and residual radioactivity remaining at the site could result in significant threat to public health and safety.
- (C) When calculating TEDE to the average member of the critical group the licensee shall determine the peak annual TEDE dose expected within the first 1000 years after decommissioning.
- (D) Specific time limits for completion of the decommissioning process are as specified in 105 CMR 120.132(G).
  - (1) Licensees shall complete decommissioning of the site or separate building or outdoor area as soon as practicable but not later than 24 months following the initiation of decommissioning.
  - (2) When decommissioning involves the entire site, the licensee shall request license termination as soon as practicable but not later than 24 months following the initiation of decommissioning.

(E) The Agency may approve a request for an alternative schedule for completion of the decommissioning of the site or separate building or outdoor area, and license termination is appropriate, if the Agency determines that the alternative is warranted.

#### 120.245: Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use.

A site will be considered acceptable for unrestricted use if the residual radioactivity that is distinguishable from background radiation results in a TEDE to an average member of the critical group that shall not exceed 0.10 mSv (10 mrem) per year, including that from groundwater sources of drinking water and the residual radioactivity has been reduced to levels that are as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA). Determination of the levels, which are ALARA, must take into account consideration of any detriments, such as deaths from transportation accidents, expected to potentially result from decontamination and waste disposal.

#### 120.246: Criteria for License Termination Under Restricted Conditions.

A site will be considered acceptable for license termination under restricted conditions if:

- (A) The licensee can demonstrate that further reductions in residual radioactivity necessary to comply with the provisions of 105 CMR 120.245 would result in net public or environmental harm or were not being made because the residual levels associated with restricted conditions are ALARA. Determination of the levels, which are ALARA must take into account consideration of any detriments, such as deaths from transportation accidents, expected to potentially result from decontamination and waste disposal;
- (B) The licensee has made provisions for legally enforceable institutional controls that provide reasonable assurance that TEDE from residual radioactivity distinguishable from background to the average member of the critical group will not exceed 0.10 mSv (10 mrem) per year;
- (C) The licensee has provided sufficient financial assurance to enable an independent third party, including a governmental custodian of a site, to assume and carry out responsibilities for any necessary control and maintenance of the site.

  Acceptable financial assurance mechanisms are:
  - (1) Funds placed into an account segregated from the licensee's assets and outside the licensee's administrative control as described in 105 CMR 120.125(C)(1)(f)1.;
  - (2) Surety method, insurance, or other guarantee method as described in 105 CMR 120.125(C)(1)(f)2..;
  - (3) A statement of intent in the case of State, or local Government licensees, as described in 105 CMR 120.125(C)(1)(f)4.; or
  - (4) When a governmental entity is assuming custody and ownership of a site, an arrangement that is deemed acceptable by such governmental entity.
- (D) The licensee has submitted a decommissioning plan or License Termination Plan (LTP) to the Agency indicating the licensee's intent to decommission in accordance with 105 CMR 120.132(D), and specifying that the licensee intends to decommission by restricting use of the site. The licensee shall document in the LTP or decommissioning plan how the advice of individuals and institutions in the community who may be affected by the decommissioning has been sought and incorporated, as appropriate, following analysis of that advice.
  - (1) Licensees proposing to decommission by restricting use of the site shall seek advice from such affected parties regarding the following matters concerning the proposed decommissioning:
    - (a) Whether provisions for institutional controls proposed by the licensee:
      - 1. Will provide reasonable assurance that the TEDE from residual radioactivity distinguishable from background to the average member of the critical group will not exceed 0.10 mSv (10 mrem) TEDE per year;
      - 2. Will be enforceable; and,
      - 3. Will not impose undue burdens on the local community or other affected parties.
    - (b) Whether the licensee has provided sufficient financial assurance to enable a third party, including a governmental custodian of a site, to assume and carry out responsibilities for any necessary control and

maintenance of the site;

- (2) In seeking advice on the issues identified in 120.246D(1), the licensee shall provide for:
  - (a) Participation by representatives of a broad cross section of community interests who may be affected by the decommissioning:
  - (b) An opportunity for a comprehensive, collective discussion on the issues by the participants represented; and,
  - (c) A publicly available summary of the results of all such discussions, including a description of the individual viewpoints of the participants on the issues and the extent of agreement and disagreement among the participants on the issues; and,
- (E) Residual radioactivity at the site has been reduced so that if the institutional controls were no longer in effect, there is reasonable assurance that the TEDE from residual radioactivity distinguishable from background to the average member of the critical group is as low as reasonably achievable and would not exceed either:
  - (1) 1mSv (100 mrem) per year; or
  - (2) 5mSv (500 mrem) per year provided the licensee:
    - (a) Demonstrates that further reductions in residual radioactivity necessary to comply with the 1 mSv/yr (100 mrem/yr) value of 120.246(E)(1) are not technically achievable, would be prohibitively expensive, or would result in net public or environmental harm;
    - (b) Makes provisions for durable institutional controls;
    - (c) Provides sufficient financial assurance to enable a responsible government entity or independent third party, including a governmental custodian of a site, both to carry out periodic rechecks of the site no less frequently than every 3 years to assure that the institutional controls remain in place as necessary to meet the criteria of 120.246(B) and to assume and carry out responsibilities for any necessary control and maintenance of those controls. Acceptable financial assurance mechanisms are those in 120.246(C).

#### 120.247: Alternate Criteria for License Termination

- (A) The Agency may terminate a license using alternate criteria greater than the dose criterion of 105 CMR 120.245, 120.246(B), and 120.246(D)(1)(a)1., if the licensee:
  - (1) Provides assurance that public health and safety would continue to be protected, and that it is unlikely that the dose from all man-made sources combined, other than medical, would be more than the 1 mSv/y (100 mrem/y) limit, by submitting an analysis of possible sources of exposure;
  - (2) Has employed to the extent practical restrictions on the site use according to the provisions of 120.246 in minimizing exposures at the site; and,
  - (3) Reduces doses to ALARA levels, taking into consideration any detriments such as traffic accidents expected to potentially result from decontamination and waste disposal.
  - (4) Has submitted a decommissioning plan or License Termination Plan (LTP) to the Agency indicating the licensee's intent to decommission in accordance with 105 CMR 120.132(D), and specifying that the licensee proposes to decommission by use of alternate criteria. The licensee shall document in the decommissioning plan or LTP how the advice of individuals and institutions in the community who may be affected by the decommissioning has been sought and addressed, as appropriate, following analysis of that advice. In seeking such advice, the license shall provide for:
    - (a) Participation by representatives of a broad cross section of community interests who may be affected by the decommissioning:
    - (b) An opportunity for a comprehensive, collective discussion on the issues by the participants represented; and,
    - (c) A publicly available summary of the results of all such discussions, including a description of the individual viewpoints of the participants on the issues and the extent of agreement and disagreement among the participants on the issues

(B) The use of alternate criteria to terminate a license requires the approval of the Agency after consideration of the Agency's staff's recommendations that will address any comments by other appropriate agencies and any public comments submitted pursuant to 120.248

## 120.248: Public Notification and Public Participation.

Upon the receipt of an LTP or decommissioning plan from the licensee, or a proposal by the licensee for release of a site pursuant to 120.246 and 120.247, or whenever the Agency deems such notice to be in the public interest, the Agency shall:

- (A) Notify and solicit comments from:
  - (1) Local governments in the vicinity of the site and any Indian Nation or other indigenous people that have treaty or statutory rights that could be affected by the decommissioning; and
  - (2) Other appropriate agencies for cases where the licensee proposes to release a site pursuant to 120.247.
- (B) Publish a notice in a forum, such as local newspapers, letters to State or local organizations, or other appropriate forum, that is readily accessible to individuals in the vicinity of the site, and solicit comments from affected parties.

#### 120.249: Minimization of Contamination.

Applicants for licenses, after July 1, 1999, shall describe in the application how facility design and procedures for operation will minimize, to the extent practicable, contamination of the facility and the environment, facilitate eventual decommissioning, and minimize, to the extent practicable, the generation of radioactive waste.

#### 120.251: General Requirements

- (A) Unless otherwise exempted, a licensee shall transfer waste containing licensed material for disposal, discharge or decay only:
  - (1) by transfer to an authorized recipient as provided in 105 CMR 120.256 or in 105 CMR 120.100, or 105 CMR 120.800, or to the U.S. Department of Energy;
  - (2) by decay in storage;
  - (3) by release in effluents within the limits in 105 CMR 120.221; or,
  - (4) as authorized pursuant to 105 CMR 120.253 or 120.254.
- (B) A person shall be specifically licensed to receive waste containing licensed material from other persons for:
  - (1) treatment prior to disposal;
  - (2) treatment by incineration;
  - (3) decay in storage;
  - (4) disposal at a land disposal facility licensed pursuant to 105 CMR 120.800; or,
  - (5) storage until transferred to a storage or disposal facility authorized to receive the waste.

#### 120.252: Method for Obtaining Approval of Proposed Disposal Procedures

A licensee or registrant or applicant for a license or registration may apply to the Agency for approval of proposed procedures, not otherwise authorized in these regulations, to dispose of licensed or registered material generated in the licensee's or registrant's operations. Each application shall include:

(A) A description of the waste containing licensed or registered material to be disposed of, including the physical and chemical properties that have an impact on risk evaluation, and the proposed manner and conditions of waste disposal;

#### 120.252: continued

- (B) An analysis and evaluation of pertinent information on the nature of the environment;
- (C) The nature and location of other potentially affected facilities; and,
- (D) Analyses and procedures to ensure that doses are maintained ALARA and within the dose limits in 105 CMR 120.200.

#### 120.253: Discharge by Release into Sanitary Sewerage

- (A) A licensee may discharge licensed material into sanitary sewerage if each of the following conditions is satisfied:
  - (1) the material is readily soluble, or is readily dispersible biological material, in water;
  - (2) the quantity of licensed radioactive material that the licensee releases into the sewer in one month divided by the average monthly volume of water released into the sewer by the licensee does not exceed the concentration listed in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table III; and
  - (3) if more than one radionuclide is released, the following conditions must also be satisfied:
    - (a) the licensee shall determine the fraction of the limit in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table III represented by discharges into sanitary sewerage by dividing the actual monthly average concentration of each radionuclide released by the licensee into the sewer by the concentration of that radionuclide listed in 105 CMR 120.296: *Appendix B*, Table III; and
    - (b) the sum of the fractions for each radionuclide required by 105 CMR 120.253(A)(3)(a) does not exceed unity; and
  - (4) the total quantity of licensed or other radioactive material that the licensee releases into the sanitary sewerage in a year does not exceed five curies (185 gigabecquerels) of hydrogen-3, one curie (37 gigabecquerels) of carbon-14, and one curie (37 gigabecquerels) of all other radioactive materials combined.
- (B) Excreta from individuals undergoing medical diagnosis or therapy with radioactive material are not subject to the limitations contained in 105 CMR 120.253(A).

#### 120.254: Treatment or Disposal by Incineration

A licensee may treat licensed material by incineration only in the form and concentration specified in 105 CMR 120.255 or as specifically approved by the Agency pursuant to 105 CMR 120.252.

#### 120.255: Disposal of Specific Wastes

- (A) A licensee or registrant may dispose of the following licensed or registered material as if it were not radioactive:
  - (1) 1.85 kBq (0.05  $\mu$ Ci), or less, of hydrogen-3 or carbon-14 per gram of medium used for liquid scintillation counting; and
  - (2) 1.85 kBq (0.05  $\mu$ Ci), or less, of hydrogen-3 or carbon-14 per gram of animal tissue, averaged over the weight of the entire animal.
- (B) A licensee or registrant shall not dispose of tissue pursuant to 105 CMR 120.255(A)(2) in a manner that would permit its use either as food for humans or as animal feed.
- (C) The licensee or registrant shall maintain records in accordance with 105 CMR 120.269.

#### 120.256: Transfer for Disposal and Manifests

- (A) The requirements of 105 CMR 120.256 and 120.298: Appendix D Appendix G to 10 CFR 20, herein incorporated into 105 CMR120.256 by reference are designed to: control transfers of low-level radioactive waste intended for disposal at a licensed low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, establish a manifest tracking system, and supplement existing requirements concerning transfers and recordkeeping for those wastes.
  - (1) Control transfers of low-level waste by any waste generator, waste collector, or waste processor licensee, as defined in Appendix G to 10 CFR 20, who ships low-level waste either directly, or indirectly through a waste collector or waste processor, to a licensed low-level waste land disposal facility as defined in 105 CMR 120.803;
  - (2) Establish a manifest tracking system; and,
  - (3) Supplement existing requirements concerning transfers and recordkeeping for those wastes.

- (B) Each shipment of radioactive waste designated for disposal at a licensed low-level radioactive waste disposal facility shall be accompanied by a shipment manifest as specified in 105 CMR 120.298: *Appendix D*, (A). Any licensee shipping radioactive waste intended for ultimate disposal at a licensed land disposal facility must document the information required on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest and transfer this recorded information to the intended consignee in accordance with Appendix G to 10 CFR 20.
- (C) Each shipment manifest shall include a certification by the waste generator as specified in 105 CMR 120.298: Appendix D, (B) Appendix G to 10 CFR 20.
- (D) Each person involved in the transfer of waste for disposal or in the disposal of waste, including the waste generator, waste collector, and waste processor, shall comply with the requirements specified in 105 CMR 120.298: *Appendix D*, (C) 105 CMR 120.256 and Appendix G to 10 CFR 20 as appropriate.
- (E) Reports and notifications required to be made to the nearest NRC regional administrator by Appendix G to 10 CFR 20 shall, instead, be made to the Agency.

#### 120.257: Compliance with Environmental and Health Protection Regulations

Nothing in 105 CMR 120.251, 105 CMR 120.253, 105 CMR 120.254, or 105 CMR 120.256 relieves the licensee from complying with other applicable federal, state and local regulations governing any other toxic or hazardous properties of materials that may be disposed of to in accordance with 105 CMR 120.251, 105 CMR 120.253, 105 CMR 120.254, or 105 CMR 120.256.

#### Records

## 120.261: General Provisions

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall use the SI units becquerel, gray, sievert and coulomb per kilogram, or the special units curie, rad, rem and roentgen, including multiples and subdivisions, and shall clearly indicate the units of all quantities on records required by 105 CMR 120.200..
- (B) Not withstanding the requirements of 120.261(A), when recording information on shipment manifests, as required in 120.256, information must be recorded in SI units or in SI units and special units as specified in 120.261(A).
- (C B) The licensee or registrant shall make a clear distinction among the quantities entered on the records required by 105 CMR 120.200 this part, such as, total effective dose equivalent, total organ dose equivalent, shallow dose equivalent, lens eye dose equivalent, deep dose equivalent, or committed effective dose equivalent.

#### 120.262: Records of Radiation Protection Programs

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall maintain records of the radiation protection program, including:
  - (1) the provisions of the program; and,
  - (2) audits and other reviews of program content and implementation.
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall retain the records required by 105 CMR 120.262(A)(1) until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring the record. The licensee or registrant shall retain the records required by 105 CMR 120.262(A)(2) for three years after the record is made.
- (C) Records at additional sites authorized by a licensee or certificate of registration shall be maintained for periods specified for the authorized activities at or from the additional authorized site.

## 120.263: Records of Surveys

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall maintain records showing the results of surveys and calibrations required by 105 CMR 120.225 and 105 CMR 120.2426(B). The licensee or registrant shall retain these records for three years after the record is
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall retain each of the following records until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring the record:
  - (1) records of the results of surveys to determine the dose from external sources of radiation used, in the absence of or in combination with individual monitoring data, in the assessment of individual dose equivalents;
  - (2) records of the results of measurements and calculations used to determine individual intakes of radioactive

material and used in the assessment of internal dose;

- (3) records showing the results of air sampling, surveys, and bioassays required pursuant to 105 CMR 120.233(A)(3)(a) and (b); and,
- (4) records of the results of measurements and calculations used to evaluate the release of radioactive effluents to the environment.

#### 120.264: Records of Tests for Leakage or Contamination of Sealed Sources

Records of tests for leakage or contamination of sealed sources required by 105 CMR 120.223 shall be kept in units of becquerel or microcurie and maintained for inspection by the Agency for five years after the records are made.

## 120.265: Determination and Records of Prior Occupational Dose

- (A) For each individual who is likely to receive, in a year, an occupational dose requiring monitoring pursuant to 120.226, the licensee or registrant shall:
  - (1) Determine the occupational radiation dose received during the current year; and,
  - (2) Attempt to obtain the records of cumulative occupational radiation dose.
- (B) Prior to permitting an individual to participate in a planned special exposure, the licensee or registrant shall determine:
  - (1) The internal and external doses from all previous planned special exposures; and,
  - (2) All doses in excess of the limits, including doses received during accidents and emergencies, received during the lifetime of the individual; and,
- (C) In complying with the requirements of 120.265(A), a licensee or registrant may:
  - (1) Accept, as a record of the occupational dose that the individual received during the current year, a written signed statement from the individual, or from the individual's most recent employer for work involving radiation exposure, that discloses the nature and the amount of any occupational dose that the individual received during the current year;
  - (2) Accept, as the record of cumulative radiation dose, an up-to-date Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent, signed by the individual and countersigned by an appropriate official of the most recent employer for work involving radiation exposure, or the individual<sup>2</sup>'s current employer, if the individual is not employed by the licensee or registrant; and.
  - (3) Obtain reports of the individual's dose equivalent(s) from the most recent employer for work involving radiation exposure, or the individual's current employer, if the individual is not employed by the licensee or registrant, by telephone, telegram, facsimile, other electronic media or letter. The licensee or registrant shall request a written verification of the dose data if the authenticity of the transmitted report cannot be established.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall record the exposure history, as required by 120.265(A), on Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2, or other clear and legible record, of all the information required on that form.
  - (1) The form or record shall show each period in which the individual received occupational exposure to radiation or radioactive material and shall be signed by the individual who received the exposure. For each period for which the licensee or registrant obtains reports, the licensee or registrant shall use the dose shown in the report in preparing Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent. For any period in which the licensee or registrant does not obtain a report, the licensee or registrant shall place a notation on Agency Form Y or equivalent indicating the periods of time for which data are not available.
  - (2) For the purposes of complying with this requirement, licensees or registrants are not required to partition historical dose between external dose equivalent(s) and internal committed dose equivalent(s). Further, occupational exposure histories obtained and recorded on Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent before [cite effective date of these regulations], would not have included effective dose equivalent, but may be used in the absence of specific information on the intake of radionuclides by the individual.
- (E) If the licensee or registrant is unable to obtain a complete record of an individual's current and previously accumulated occupational dose, the licensee or registrant shall assume:

- (1) In establishing administrative controls pursuant to 120.211(F) for the current year, that the allowable dose limit for the individual is reduced by 12.5 millisievert (1.25 rem) for each quarter for which records were unavailable and the individual was engaged in activities that could have resulted in occupational radiation exposure; and,
- (2) That the individual is not available for planned special exposures.
- (F) The licensee or registrant shall retain the records on Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring this record. The licensee or registrant shall retain records used in preparing Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent for 3 years after the record is made.
- (G) Upon termination of the license or registration, the licensee or registrant shall permanently store records on Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent, or shall make provision with the Agency for transfer to the Agency.

The licensee or registrant shall retain the records of prior occupational dose and exposure history as specified in 105 CMR 120.215 on Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring this record. The licensee or registrant shall retain records used in preparing Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent for three years after the record is made.

#### 120.266: Records of Planned Special Exposures

- (A) For each use of the provisions of 105 CMR 120.216 for planned special exposures, the licensee or registrant shall maintain records that describe:
  - (1) the exceptional circumstances requiring the use of a planned special exposure;
  - (2) the name of the management official who authorized the planned special exposure and a copy of the signed authorization:
  - (3) what actions were necessary;
  - (4) why the actions were necessary;
  - (5) what precautions were taken to assure that doses were maintained ALARA;
  - (6) what individual and collective doses were expected to result; and,
  - (7) the doses actually received in the planned special exposure.
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall retain the records until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring these records.

#### 120.267: Records of Individual Monitoring Results

- (A) <u>Recordkeeping Requirement</u>. Each licensee or registrant shall maintain records of doses received by all individuals for whom monitoring was required pursuant to 105 CMR 120.226, and records of doses received during planned special exposures, accidents, and emergency conditions. Assessments of dose equivalent and records made using units in effect before January 1, 1994 need not be changed. These records shall include, when applicable:
  - (1) the deep dose equivalent to the whole body, eye lens dose equivalent, shallow dose equivalent to the skin, and shallow dose equivalent to the extremities;
  - (2) the estimated intake of radionuclides, see 105 CMR 120.212;
  - (3) the committed effective dose equivalent assigned to the intake of radionuclides;
  - (4) the specific information used to calculate the committed effective dose equivalent pursuant to 105 CMR 120.214(A) and 120.214(C) and when required 105 CMR 120.226;
  - (5) the total effective dose equivalent when required by 105 CMR 120.212; and,
  - (6) the total of the deep dose equivalent and the committed dose to the organ receiving the highest total dose.
- (B) <u>Recordkeeping Frequency</u>. The licensee or registrant shall make entries of the records specified in 105 CMR 120.267(A) at intervals not to exceed one year.
- (C) <u>Recordkeeping Format</u>. The licensee or registrant shall maintain the records specified in 105 CMR 120.267(A) on Form MRCP 120.200-3, in accordance with the instructions for Form MRCP 120.200-3, or in clear and legible records containing all the information required by Form MRCP 120.200-3.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall maintain the records of dose to an embryo/fetus with the records of dose to the declared pregnant woman. The declaration of pregnancy, including the estimated date of conception, shall also be kept on file, but

may be maintained separately from the dose records.

- (E) The licensee or registrant shall retain each required form or record until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring the record.
- (F) Upon termination of the license or registration, the records of doses received by individuals shall be transferred to the Agency.

#### 120.268: Records of Dose to Individual Members of the Public

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the dose limit for individual members of the public. See 105 CMR 120.221.
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall retain the records required by 105 CMR 120.268(A) until the Agency terminates each pertinent license or registration requiring the record.

#### 120.269: Records of Waste Transfers

- (A) Each licensee shall maintain records of the disposal of licensed materials made pursuant to 105 CMR 120.252, 105 CMR 120.253, 105 CMR 120.254, 105 CMR 120.255, and 105 CMR 120.800.
- (B) The licensee shall retain the records required by 105 CMR 120.269(A) until the Agency terminates each pertinent license requiring the record.
- (C) If any burials of licensed material were made under the provisions of 10 CFR 20.304 prior to its repeal in 1981 the records of such burials shall be maintained by the licensee.

#### 120.270: Records of Testing Entry Control Devices for Very High Radiation Areas

- (A) Each licensee or registrant shall maintain records of tests made pursuant to 105 CMR 120.229(B)(9) on entry control devices for very high radiation areas. These records must include the date, time, and results of each such test of function.
- (B) The licensee or registrant shall retain the records required by 105 CMR 120.270(A) for three years after the record is made.

#### 120.271: Form of Records

Each record required by 105 CMR 120.200 shall be legible throughout the specified retention period. The record shall be the original or a reproduced copy or a microform, provided that the copy or microform is authenticated by authorized personnel and that the microform is capable of producing a clear copy throughout the required retention period or the record may also be stored in electronic media with the capability for producing legible, accurate, and complete records during the required retention period. Records, such as letters, drawings, and specifications, shall include all pertinent information, such as stamps, initials, and signatures. The licensee or registrant shall maintain adequate safeguards against tampering with and loss of records.

#### 120.273: Records of Tests for Leakage or Contamination of Sealed Sources

Records of tests for leakage or contamination of sealed sources required by 105 CMR 120.223 shall be kept in units of becquerel or microcurie and maintained for inspection by the Agency for 5 years after the records are made.

#### Reports

#### 120.281: Reports of Stolen, Lost, or Missing Licensed or Registered Sources of Radiation

- (A) Telephone Reports. Each licensee or registrant shall report to the Agency by telephone as follows:
  - (1) immediately after its occurrence becomes known to the licensee, stolen, lost, or missing licensed radioactive material in an aggregate quantity equal to or greater than 1,000 times the quantity specified in 105 CMR 120.297: *Appendix C*, under such circumstances that it appears to the licensee that an exposure could result to individuals in unrestricted areas;
  - (2) within 30 days after its occurrence becomes known to the licensee, lost, stolen, or missing licensed radioactive material in an aggregate quantity greater than ten times the quantity specified in 105 CMR 120.297: *Appendix C* that is still missing.
  - (3) immediately after its occurrence becomes known to the registrant, a stolen, lost, or missing radiation machine.

- (B) Written Reports. Each licensee or registrant required to make a report pursuant to 105 CMR 120.281(A) shall, within 30 days after making the telephone report, make a written report to the Agency setting forth the following information:
  - (1) a description of the licensed or registered source of radiation involved, including, for radioactive material, the kind, quantity, and chemical and physical form; and, for radiation machines, the manufacturer, model and serial number, type and maximum energy of radiation emitted;
  - (2) a description of the circumstances under which the loss or theft occurred;
  - (3) a statement of disposition, or probable disposition, of the licensed or registered source of radiation involved;
  - (4) exposures of individuals to radiation, circumstances under which the exposures occurred, and the possible total effective dose equivalent to persons in unrestricted areas;
  - (5) actions that have been taken, or will be taken, to recover the source of radiation; and,
  - (6) procedures or measures that have been, or will be, adopted to ensure against a recurrence of the loss or theft of licensed or registered sources of radiation.
- (C) Subsequent to filing the written report, the licensee or registrant shall also report additional substantive information on the loss or theft within 30 days after the licensee or registrant learns of such information.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall prepare any report filed with the Agency pursuant to 105 CMR 120.281 so that names of individuals who may have received exposure to radiation are stated in a separate and detachable portion of the report.

#### 120.282: Notification of Incidents

- (A) <u>Immediate Notification</u>. Notwithstanding any other requirements for notification, each licensee or registrant shall immediately report each event involving a source of radiation possessed by the licensee or registrant that may have caused or threatens to cause any of the following conditions:
  - (1) An individual to receive:
    - (a) a total effective dose equivalent of (0.25 sievert) (25 rems) or more;
    - (b) an eye dose equivalent of (0.75 sievert) (75 rems) or more;
    - (c) a shallow dose equivalent to the skin or extremities or a total organ dose equivalent of (2.5 gray<del>s)</del> (250 rad<del>s</del>) or more: or.
  - (2) The release of radioactive material, inside or outside of a restricted area, so that, had an individual been present for 24 hours, the individual could have received an intake five times the occupational ALI. This provision does not apply to locations where personnel are not normally stationed during routine operations, such as hot-cells or process enclosures.
- (B) <u>24 Hour Notification</u>. Each licensee or registrant shall, within 24 hours of discovery of the event, report to the Agency each event involving loss of control of a licensed or registered source of radiation possessed by the licensee or registrant that may have caused, or threatens to cause, any of the following conditions:
  - (1) An individual to receive, in a period of 24 hours:
    - (a) a total effective dose equivalent exceeding (0.05 sievert) (five rems);
    - (b) an eye a lens dose equivalent exceeding (0.15 sievert) (15 rems);
    - (c) a shallow dose equivalent to the skin or extremities or a total organ dose equivalent exceeding (0.5 sievert) (50 rems); or,
  - (2) The release of radioactive material, inside or outside of a restricted area, so that, had an individual been present for 24 hours, the individual could have received an intake in excess of one occupational ALI. This provision does not apply to locations where personnel are not normally stationed during routine operations, such as hot-cells or process enclosures.
- (C) Licensees or registrants shall make the reports required by 105 CMR 120.282(A) and (B) by initial contact by telephone to the Agency and shall confirm the initial contact by telegram, mailgram, or facsimile to the Agency.
- (D) The licensee or registrant shall prepare each report filed with the Agency pursuant to 105 CMR 120.282 so that names of individuals who have received exposure to sources of radiation are stated in a separate and detachable portion of the report.
- (E) The provisions of 105 CMR 120.282 do not apply to doses that result from planned special exposures, provided such doses are within the limits for planned special exposures and are reported pursuant to 105 CMR 120.284.

# 120.283: Reports of Exposures, Radiation Levels, and Concentrations of Radioactive Material Exceeding the constraints or Limits

- (A) <u>Reportable Events</u>. In addition to the notification required by 105 CMR 120.282, each licensee or registrant shall submit a written report within 30 days after learning of any of the following occurrences:
  - (1) incidents for which notification is required by 105 CMR 120.282; or,
  - (2) doses in excess of any of the following:

- (a) the occupational dose limits for adults in 105 CMR 120.211;
- (b) the occupational dose limits for a minor in 105 CMR 120.217;
- (c) the limits for an embryo/fetus of a declared pregnant woman in 105 CMR 120.218;
- (d) the limits for an individual member of the public in 105 CMR 120.221;
- (e) any applicable limit in the license or registration;
- (f) the ALARA constraints for air emissions established under 105 CMR 120.210(D); or,
- (3) levels of radiation or concentrations of radioactive material in:
  - (a) a restricted area in excess of applicable limits in the license or registration;
  - (b) an unrestricted area in excess of ten times the applicable limit set forth in this part or in the license or registration, whether or not involving exposure of any individual in excess of the limits in 105 CMR 120.221; or,
- (4) for licensees subject to the provisions of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's generally applicable environmental radiation standards in 40 CFR 190, levels of radiation or releases of radioactive material in excess of those standards, or of license conditions related to those requirements standards.

#### (B) Contents of Reports.

- (1) Each report required by 105 CMR 120.283(A) shall describe the extent of exposure of individuals to radiation and radioactive material, including, as appropriate:
  - (a) estimates of each individual's dose;
  - (b) the levels of radiation and concentrations of radioactive material involved;
  - (c) the cause of the elevated exposures, dose rates, or concentrations; and,
  - (d) corrective steps taken or planned to ensure against a recurrence, including the schedule for achieving conformance with applicable limits, ALARA constraints, generally applicable environmental standards, and associated license or registration conditions.
- (2) Each report filed pursuant to 105 CMR 120.283(A) shall include for each occupationally exposed individual exposed: the name, social security number, and date of birth [with respect to the limits for the embyo-fetus (120.218), the identifiers should be those of the declared pregnant woman]. With respect to the limit for the embryo/fetus in 105 CMR 120.218, the identifiers should be those of the declared pregnant woman. The report shall be prepared so that this information is stated in a separate and detachable portion of the report.
- (C) All licensees or registrants who make reports pursuant to 105 CMR 120.283(A) shall submit the report in writing to the Agency.

## 120.284: Reports of Planned Special Exposures

The licensee or registrant shall submit a written report to the Agency within 30 days following any planned special exposure conducted in accordance with 105 CMR 120.216, informing the Agency that a planned special exposure was conducted and indicating the date the planned special exposure occurred and the information required by 105 CMR 120.266.

#### 120.285: Reports to Individuals of Exceeding dose Limits

When a licensee or registrant is required, pursuant to 105 CMR 120.283, 120.284 or 120.287 to report to the Agency any exposure of an identified occupationally exposed individual, or an identified member of the public, to radiation or radioactive material, the licensee shall also provide a copy of the report submitted to the Agency to the individual. This report must be transmitted at a time no later than the transmittal to the Agency.

#### 120.286: Reports of Individual Monitoring

- (A) The requirements of 105 CMR 120.286 apply to each person licensed or registered by the Agency:
  - (1) Possess or use sources of radiation for purposes of industrial radiography pursuant to 105 CMR 120.100 and 120.300; or
  - (2) Possess or use at any time, for processing or manufacturing for distribution pursuant to 105 CMR 120.100 or 105 CMR 120.500, radioactive material in quantities exceeding any one of the following quantities:

Radionuclide	Activity		
	Ci	GBq	

Cesium-137	1	37
Cobalt-60	1	37
Gold-198	100	3,700
Iodine-131	1	37
Iridium-192	10	370
Krypton-85	1,000	37,000
Promethium-147	10	370
Technetium-99m	1,000	37,000

[Note: The Agency may require as a license condition, or by rule, regulation, or order pursuant to 105 CMR 120.012, reports from licensees or registrants who are licensed or registered to use radionuclides not on this list, in quantities sufficient to cause comparable radiation levels.]

- (B) Each licensee or registrant in a category listed in 105 CMR 120.286(A) shall submit an annual report of the results of individual monitoring carried out by the licensee or registrant for each individual for whom monitoring was required by 105 CMR 120.226 during that year. The licensee or registrant may include additional data for individuals for whom monitoring was provided but not required. The licensee or registrant shall use Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2 or equivalent or electronic media containing all the information required by Agency Form MRCP 120.200-2.
- (C) The licensee or registrant shall file the report required by 105 CMR 120.286(A), covering the preceding year, on or before April 30 of each year. The licensee or registrant shall submit the report to the Agency.

## 120.287: Notifications and Reports to Individuals

- (A) Requirements for notification and reports to individuals of exposure to radiation or radioactive material are specified in 105 CMR 120.750.
- (B) When a licensee or registrant is required pursuant to 105 CMR 120.283 to report to the Agency any exposure of an individual to radiation or radioactive material, the licensee or registrant shall also notify the individual. Such notice shall be transmitted at a time not later than the transmittal to the Agency, and shall comply with the provisions of 105 CMR 120.754(A).

## 120.288: Reports of Leaking or Contaminated Sealed Sources

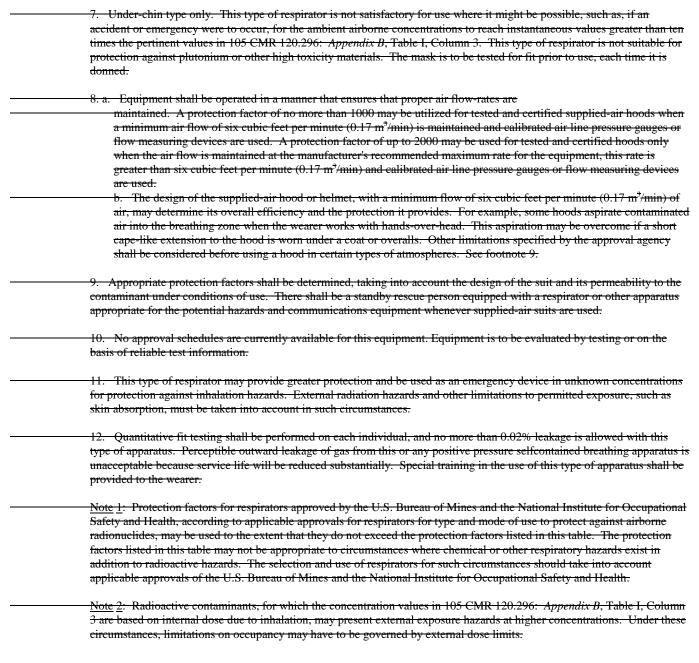
The licensee shall immediately notify the Agency if the test for leakage or contamination required pursuant to 105 CMR 120.223 indicates a sealed source is leaking or contaminated. A written report of a leaking or contaminated source shall be submitted to the Agency within five days. The report shall include the equipment involved, the test results and the corrective action taken.

120.295: Appendix A -- Assigned Protection Factors (APF) for Respirators<sup>1</sup>

Protection Factors <sup>‡</sup> Tested & Certified Equipment					
<del>Description<sup>2</sup></del>	Modes <sup>†</sup>	<del>Particu-lates only</del>	Particu- lates, gases, vapors <sup>5</sup>	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health & Mine Safety and Health Administration tests for permissibility	
<del>I. AIR-PU</del>	RIFYING REST	PIRATORS <sup>6</sup>			
Facepiece, half-mask <sup>7</sup> Facepiece, full Facepiece, half-mask full or hood	— NP — NP			30 CFR 11, Subpart K.	
	<del>PP</del>	1000.0			
H. ATMOS	PHERE-SUPPL	YING RESPIRATORS			
1. Air-line Respirator					
Facepiece, half-mask Facepiece, half-mask Facepiece, full Facepiece, full Facepiece, full Hood Suit	— CF — Ð — CF — Ð — CF — CF			30 CFR 11, Subpart J	
2. Self- contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)  Facepiece, full Facepiece, full Facepiece, full Facepiece, full	——————————————————————————————————————		50.0 10,000.0** 50.0 5,000.0**	<del>30 CFR 11, Subpart H.</del>	
III. COMBINATION RESPIRATORS					
Any combination of air- purifying and atmosphere- supplying respirators	Protection fac of operation a	tor for type and mode s listed above		<del>30 CFR 11,</del> <del>Sec. 11.63(b)</del>	

## 120.295: continued FOOTNOTES For use in the selection of respiratory protective equipment to be used only where the contaminants have been identified and the concentrations, or possible concentrations, are known. Only for shaven faces and where nothing interferes with the seal of tight-fitting facepieces against the skin. Hoods and suits are excepted. The mode symbols are defined as follows: CF = continuous flow D = demand NP = negative pressure, that is, negative phase during inhalation PD = pressure demand, that is, always positive pressure PP = positive pressure RD = pressure demand, recirculating or closed circuit RP = pressure demand, recirculating or closed circuit The protection factor is a measure of the degree of protection afforded by a respirator, defined as the ratio of the concentration of airborne radioactive material outside the respiratory protective equipment to that inside the equipment, usually inside the facepiece, under conditions of use. It is applied to the ambient airborne concentration to estimate the concentrations inhaled by the wearer according to the following formula: Concentration inhaled = Ambient airborne concentration Protection factor The protection factors apply: (i) Only for individuals trained in using respirators and wearing properly fitted respirators that are used and maintained under supervision in a well-planned respiratory protective program. (ii) For air-purifying respirators only when high efficiency particulate filters, above 99.97% removal efficiency by thermally generated 0.3 µm dioctyl phthalate (DOP) test or equivalent, are used in atmospheres not deficient in oxygen and not containing radioactive gas or vapor respiratory hazards. (iii) No adjustment is to be made for the use of sorbents against radioactive material in the form of gases or (iv) For atmosphere-supplying respirators only when supplied with adequate respirable air. Respirable air shall be provided of the quality and quantity required in accordance with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration certification described in 30 CFR 11. Oxygen and air shall not be used in the same apparatus. 5. Excluding radioactive contaminants that present an absorption or submersion hazard. For tritium oxide, approximately one-third of the intake occurs by absorption through the skin so that an overall protection factor of less than two is appropriate when atmosphere-supplying respirators are used to protect against tritium oxide. If the protection factor for respiratory protective equipment is five, the effective protection factor for tritium is about 1.4; with protection factors of 10, the effective factor for tritium oxide is about 1.7; and with protection factors of 100 or more, the effective factor for tritium oxide is about 1.9. Air-purifying respirators are not suitable for protection against tritium oxide. See also footnote 9 concerning supplied-air suits. 6. Canisters and cartridges shall not be used beyond service-life limitations.

# 120.295: continued



	Operating Mode	Assigned Protection Factors
I. Air purifying respirators (Particulate <sup>b</sup> only) <sup>c</sup> Filtering faceplate disposable <sup>d</sup> Facepiece, half <sup>e</sup> Facepiece, full Facepiece, full Helmet/hood Facepiece, loosefitting	Negative Pressure Negative Pressure Negative Pressure Powered air-purifying respirators Powered air-purifying respirators Powered air-purifying respirators Powered air-purifying respirators	(d) 10 100 50 1000 1000 25
II. Atmosphere suppling respirators (Particulate, gases, and vapors)  1: Air-line Respirator: Facepiece, half	Demand	10 50 50 100 1000 1000 1000 25 (E)
III. Combination Respirators: Any combination of air-purifying and atmosphere-supplying respirators	Assigned protection factor for type and mode of operations as listed above	

See the following pages for footnotes.

#### **FOOTNOTES**

- These assigned protection factors apply only in respiratory protection program that meets the requirements of this Part. They are applicable only to airborne radiological hazards and may not be appropriate to circumstances when chemical or other respiratory hazards exist instead of, or in addition to, radioactive hazards. Selection and use of respirators for such circumstances must also comply with Department of Labor regulations. Radioactive contaminants for which the concentration values in Table 1, column 3 of 120.296: Appendix B are based on internal dose due to inhalation may, in addition, present external exposure hazards at higher concentrations. Under these circumstances, limitations on occupancy may have to be governed by external dose limits.
- b. Air purifying respirators with APF <100 must be equipped with particulate filters that are at least 95 percent efficient. Air purifying respirators with APF = 100 must be equipped with particulate filters that are at least 99 percent efficient. Air purifying respirators with APF > 100 must be equipped with particulate filters that area t least 99.97 percent efficient.
- c. The licensee may apply to the Agency for the use of an APF greater than 1 for sorbent cartridges as protection against airborne radioactive gases and vapors (e.g., radioiodine).
- d. Licensees may permit individuals to use this type of respirator who have not been medically screened or fit tested on the device provided that no credit be taken for their use in estimating intake or dose. It is also recognized that it is difficult to perform an effective positive or negative pressure pre-use user seal check on this type of device. All other respiratory protection program requirements listed in 105 CMR 120.233 apply. An assigned protection factor has not been assigned for these devices. However, an APF equal to 10 may be used if the licensee can demonstrate a fit factor of at least 100 by use of a validated or evaluated, qualitative or quantitative fit test.
- e. Under-chin type only. No distinction is made in this Appendix between elastomeric half-masks with replaceable cartridges and those designed with the filter medium as an integral part of the facepiece (e.g., disposable or reusable disposable). Both types are acceptable so long as the seal area of the latter contains some substantial type of seal enhancing material such as rubber or plastic, the two or more suspension straps are adjustable, the filter medium is at least 95 percent efficient and all other requirements of this Part are met.
- f. The assigned protection factors for gases and vapors are not applicable to radioactive contaminants that present an absorption or submersion hazard. For tritium oxide vapor, approximately one-third of the intake occurs by absorption through the skin so that an overall protection factor of 3 is appropriate when atmosphere-supplying respirators are used to protect against tritium oxide. Exposure to radioactive noble gases is not considered a significant respiratory hazard, and protective actions for these contaminants should be based on external (submersion) dose considerations.
- g. No NIOSH approval schedule is currently available for atmospheric supplying units. This equipment may be used in an acceptable respiratory protection program as long as all the other minimum program requirements, with the exception of fit testing, are met (i.e., 120.233).
- h. The licensee should implement institutional controls to assure that these devices are not used in areas immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH).
- i. This type of respirator may be used as an emergency device in unknown concentrations for protection against inhalation hazards. External radiation hazards and other limitations to permitted exposure such as skin absorption shall be taken into account in these circumstances. This device may not be used by any individual who experiences perceptible outward leakage of breathing gas while wearing the device.

Land Disposal Facilities and Manifests
(A) Manifest. The shipment manifest shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person generating waste. The manifest shall also include the name, address, and telephone number or the name and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste identification number of the person transporting the waste to the land disposal facility. The manifest shall also indicate: a physical description of the waste, the volume, radionuclide identity and quantity, the total radioactivity, and the principal chemical form. The solidification agent shall be specified. Waste containing more 0.1% chelating agents by weight shall be identified and the weight percentage of the chelating agent estimated. Wastes classified as Class A, Class B, or Class C in 105 CMR 120.299(A) shall be clearly identified as such in the manifest. The total quantity of the radionuclides hydrogen-3, carbon-14, technetium-99, and iodine-129 shall be shown. The manifest required by 105 CMR 120.298(A) may be shipping papers used to meet U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations or requirements of the receiver, provided all the required information is included. Copies of manifests required by 105 CMR 120.298(A) may be legible carbon copies or legible photocopies.
(B) <u>Certification</u> . The waste generator shall include in the shipment manifest a certification that the transported materi are properly classified, described, packaged, marked, and labeled and are in proper condition for transportation according the applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Agency. An authorized representative of the waste generator shall sign and date the manifest.
(C) Control and Tracking.
(1) Any radioactive waste generator who transfers radioactive waste to a land disposal facility or a licensed waste collector shall comply with the requirements in 105 CMR 120.298(C)(1)(a) through (h). Any radioactive waste generator who transfers waste to a licensed waste processor who treats or repackages waste shall comply with the requirements of 105 CMR 120.298(C)(1)(d) through (h). A licensee shall:
(a) Prepare all wastes so that the waste is classified according to 105 CMR 120.299(A) and meets the waste characteristics requirements in 105 CMR 120.299(B);
(b) Label each package of waste to identify whether it is Class A waste, Class B waste, or Class C waste, in accordance with 105 CMR 120.299(A);
(c) Conduct a quality control program to ensure compliance with 105 CMR 120.299(A) and (B); the program shall include management evaluation of audits;
(d) Prepare shipping manifests to meet the requirements of 105 CMR 120.298(A) and (B);
(e) Forward a copy of the manifest to the intended recipient, at the time of shipment, or deliver to a collector the time the waste is collected, obtaining acknowledgment of receipt in the form of a signed copy of the manif or equivalent documentation from the collector;
(f) Include one copy of the manifest with the shipment;
(g) Retain a copy of the manifest and documentation of acknowledgment of receipt as the record of transfer of licensed material as required by 105 CMR 120.140; and,
(h) For any shipments or any portion of a shipment for which acknowledgment of receipt has not been receive

within the times set forth in 105 CMR 120.200, conduct an investigation in accordance with 105 CMR

120.298(C)(5).

	(i) Forward a copy of the manifest to the Agency at the time of transfer or shipment.
(2)	Any waste collector licensee who handles only prepackaged waste shall:
	(a) Acknowledge receipt of the waste from the generator within one week of receipt by returning a signed copy of the manifest or equivalent documentation;
	(b) Prepare a new manifest to reflect consolidated shipments; the new manifest shall serve as a listing or index for the detailed generator manifests. Copies of the generator manifests shall be a part of the new manifest. The waste collector may prepare a new manifest without attaching the generator manifests, provided the new manifest contains for each package the information specified in 105 CMR 120.298(A). The collector licensee shall certify that nothing has been done to the waste that would invalidate the generator's certification;120.298: continued
	(c) Forward a copy of the new manifest to the land disposal facility operator at the time of shipment;
	(d) Include the new manifest with the shipment to the disposal site;
	(e) Retain a copy of the manifest and documentation of acknowledgement of receipt as the record of transfer of licensed material as required by 105 CMR 120.140, and retain information from generator manifest until the license is terminated and disposition is authorized by the Agency; and,
	(f) For any shipments or any portion of a shipment for which acknowledgement of receipt is not received within the times set forth in 105 CMR 120.298(C), conduct an investigation in accordance with 105 CMR 120.298(C)(5).
(3)	Any licensed waste processor who treats or repackages wastes shall:
	(a) Acknowledge receipt of the waste from the generator within one week of receipt by returning a signed copy of the manifest or equivalent documentation;
	(b) Prepare a new manifest that meets the requirements of 105 CMR 120.298(A) and (B). Preparation of the new manifest reflects that the processor is responsible for the waste;
	(c) Prepare all wastes so that the waste is classified according to 105 CMR 120.299(A) and meets the waste characteristics requirements in 105 CMR 120.299(B);
	(d) Label each package of waste to identify whether it is Class A waste, Class B waste, or Class C waste, in accordance with 105 CMR 120.299(A) and (C);
	(e) Conduct a quality control program to ensure compliance with 105 CMR 120.299(A) and (B). The program shall include management evaluation of audits;
	(f) Forward a copy of the new manifest to the disposal site operator or waste collector at the time of shipment, or deliver to a collector at the time the waste is collected, obtaining acknowledgement of receipt in the form of a signed copy of the manifest or equivalent documentation by the collector;
	(g) Include the new manifest with the shipment;
	(h) Retain copies of original manifests and new manifests and documentation of acknowledgement of receipt as the record of transfer of licensed material required by 105 CMR 120.140; and,
	(i) For any shipment or portion of a shipment for which acknowledgement is not received within the times set forth in 105 CMR 120.298(C), conduct an investigation in accordance with 105 CMR 120.298(C)(5).
(5)	The land disposal facility operator shall:
	(a) Acknowledge receipt of the waste within one week of receipt by returning a signed copy of the manifest or equivalent documentation to the shipper. The shipper to be notified is the licensee who last possessed the waste

and transferred the waste to the operator. The returned copy of the manifest or equivalent documentation shall indicate any discrepancies between materials listed on the manifest and materials received;
(b) Maintain copies of all completed manifests or equivalent documentation until the Agency authorizes their disposition; and,
(c) Notify the shipper, that is, the generator, the collector, or processor, and the Agency when any shipment or portion of a shipment has not arrived within 60 days after the advance manifest was received.
(5) Any shipment or portion of a shipment for which acknowledgement is not received within the times set forth in 105 CMR 120.298 shall:
(a) be investigated by the shipper if the shipper has not received notification or receipt within 20 days after transfer; and,
(b) be traced and reported to whom. The investigation shall include tracing the shipment and filing a report with the Agency. Each licensee who conducts a trace investigation shall file a written report with the Agency within two weeks of completion of the investigation.

#### 120.299: Appendix E -- Classification and Characteristics of Low-level Radioactive Waste

#### (A) <u>Classification of Radioactive Waste for Land Disposal.</u>

(1) <u>Considerations</u>. Determination of the classification of radioactive waste involves two considerations. First, consideration must be given to the concentration of long-lived radionuclides (and their shorter-lived precursors) whose potential hazard will persist long after such precautions as institutional controls, improved waste form, and deeper disposal have ceased to be effective. These precautions delay the time when long-lived radionuclides could cause exposures. In addition, the magnitude of the potential dose is limited by the concentration and availability of the radionuclide at the time of exposure. Second, consideration must be given to the concentration of shorter-lived radionuclides for which requirements on institutional controls, waste form, and disposal methods are effective.

#### (2) Classes of waste.

- (a) Class A waste is waste that is usually segregated from other waste classes at the disposal site. The physical form and characteristics of Class A waste must meet the minimum requirements set forth in 105 CMR 120.299(B)(1). If Class A waste also meets the stability requirements set forth in 105 CMR 120.299(B)(2), it is not necessary to segregate the waste for disposal.
- (b) Class B waste is waste that must meet more rigorous requirements on waste form to ensure stability after disposal. The physical form and characteristics of Class B waste must meet both the minimum and stability requirements set forth in 105 CMR 120.299(B).
- (c) Class C waste is waste that not only must meet more rigorous requirements on waste form to ensure stability but also requires additional measures at the disposal facility to protect against inadvertent intrusion. The physical form and characteristics of Class C waste must meet both the minimum and stability requirements set forth in 105 CMR 120.299(B).
- (3) <u>Classification determined by long-lived radionuclides</u>. If the radioactive waste contains only radionuclides listed in Table I, classification shall be determined as follows:
  - (a) If the concentration does not exceed 0.1 times the value in Table I, the waste is Class A.
  - (b) If the concentration exceeds 0.1 times the value in Table I, but does not exceed the value in Table I, the waste is Class C.
  - (c) If the concentration exceeds the value in Table I, the waste is not generally acceptable for disposal at a facility licensed by the Agency.
  - (d) For wastes containing mixtures of radionuclides listed in Table I, the total concentration shall be determined by the sum of fractions rule described in 105 CMR 120.299(A)(7).

#### TABLE I

	Concentration		
Radionuclide	curie/cubic meter <sup>a</sup>	nanocurie/gram <sup>b</sup>	
C-14	8.0		
C-14 in activated metal	80.0		

Ni-59 in activated metal	220.0	
Nb-94 in activated metal	0.2	
Tc-99	3.0	
I-129	0.08	
Alpha emitting transuranic		
radionuclides with half-		
life greater than five		
years		100.0
Pu-241		3,500.0
Cm-242		20,000.0
Ra-226		100.0

To convert the Ci/m³ values to gigabecquerel (GBq) per cubic meter, multiply the Ci/m³ value by 37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> To convert the nCi/g values to becquerel (Bq) per gram, multiply the nCi/g value by 37.

120.299: continued

- (4) <u>Classification determined by short-lived radionuclides</u>. If the waste does not contain any of the radionuclides listed in Table I, classification shall be determined based on the concentrations shown in Table II. However, as specified in 105 CMR 120.299(A)(6), if radioactive waste does not contain any nuclides listed in either Table I or II, it is Class A.
  - (a) If the concentration does not exceed the value in Column 1, the waste is Class A.
  - (b) If the concentration exceeds the value in Column 1 but does not exceed the value in Column 2, the waste is Class B.
  - (c) If the concentration exceeds the value in Column 2 but does not exceed the value in Column 3, the waste is Class C.
  - (d) If the concentration exceeds the value in Column 3, the waste is not generally acceptable for near-surface disposal.
  - (e) For wastes containing mixtures of the radionuclides listed in Table II, the total concentration shall be determined by the sum of fractions rule described in 105 CMR 120.299(A)(7).

TABLE II

Radionuclide	Concentration,	curie/cubic meter	curie/cubic meter*	
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	
Total of all radio-				
nuclides with less				
than 5-year half-				
life	700.0	*	*	
H-3	40.0	*	*	
Co-60	700.0	*	*	
Ni-63	3.5	70.0	700.0	
Ni-63 in activated				
metal	35.0	700.0	7000.0	
Sr-90	0.04	150.0	7000.0	
Cs-137	1.0	44.0	4600.0	

<sup>\*</sup> AGENCY NOTE: To convert the Ci/m³ value to gigabecquerel (GBq) per cubic meter, multiply the Ci/m³ value by 37. There are no limits established for these radionuclides in Class B or C wastes. Practical considerations such as the effects of external radiation and internal heat generation on transportation, handling, and disposal will limit the

concentrations for these wastes. These wastes shall be Class B unless the concentrations of other radionuclides in Table II determine the waste to be Class C independent of these radionuclides.

- (5) <u>Classification determined by both long- and short-lived radionuclides</u>. If the radioactive waste contains a mixture of radionuclides, some of which are listed in Table I and some of which are listed in Table II, classification shall be determined as follows:
  - (a) If the concentration of a radionuclide listed in Table I is less than 0.1 times the value listed in Table I, the class shall be that determined by the concentration of radionuclides listed in Table II.
  - (b) If the concentration of a radionuclide listed in Table I exceeds 0.1 times the value listed in Table I, but does not exceed the value in Table I, the waste shall be Class C, provided the concentration of radionuclides listed in Table II does not exceed the value shown in Column 3 of Table II.
- (6) <u>Classification of wastes with radionuclides other than those listed in Tables I and II</u>. If the waste does not contain any radionuclides listed in either Table I or II, it is Class A.

- (7) The sum of the fractions rule for mixtures of radionuclides. For determining classification for waste that contains a mixture of radionuclides, it is necessary to determine the sum of fractions by dividing each radionuclide's concentration by the appropriate limit and adding the resulting values. The appropriate limits must all be taken from the same column of the same table. The sum of the fractions for the column must be less than 1.0 if the waste class is to be determined by that column. Example: A waste contains Sr-90 in a concentration of 1.85 TBq/m³ (50 Ci/m³) and Cs-137 in a concentration of 814 GBq/m³ (22 Ci/m³). Since the concentrations both exceed the values in Column 1, Table II, they must be compared to Column 2 values. For Sr-90 fraction, 50/150 = 0.33., for Cs-137 fraction, 22/44 = 0.5; the sum of the fractions = 0.83. Since the sum is less than 1.0, the waste is Class B.
- (8) <u>Determination of concentrations in wastes</u>. The concentration of a radionuclide may be determined by indirect methods such as use of scaling factors which relate the inferred concentration of one radionuclide to another that is measured, or radionuclide material accountability, if there is reasonable assurance that the indirect methods can be correlated with actual measurements. The concentration of a radionuclide may be averaged over the volume of the waste, or weight of the waste if the units are expressed as becquerel (nanocurie) per gram.

#### (B) Radioactive Waste Characteristics.

- (1) The following are minimum requirements for all classes of waste and are intended to facilitate handling and provide protection of health and safety of personnel at the disposal site.
  - (a) Wastes shall be packaged in conformance with the conditions of the license issued to the site operator to which the waste will be shipped. Where the conditions of the site license are more restrictive than the provisions of Part D, the site license conditions shall govern.
  - (b) Wastes shall not be packaged for disposal in cardboard or fiberboard boxes.
  - (c) Liquid waste shall be packaged in sufficient absorbent material to absorb twice the volume of the liquid.
  - (d) Solid waste containing liquid shall contain as little freestanding and noncorrosive liquid as is reasonably achievable, but in no case shall the liquid exceed 1% of the volume.
  - (e) Waste shall not be readily capable of detonation or of explosive decomposition or reaction at normal pressures and temperatures, or of explosive reaction with water.
  - (f) Waste shall not contain, or be capable of generating, quantities of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes harmful to persons transporting, handling, or disposing of the waste. This does not apply to radioactive gaseous waste packaged in accordance with 105 CMR 120.299(B)(1)(h).
  - (g) Waste must not be pyrophoric. Pyrophoric materials contained in wastes shall be treated, prepared, and packaged to be nonflammable.
  - (h) Wastes in a gaseous form shall be packaged at an absolute pressure that does not exceed 1.5 atmospheres at  $20^{\circ}$ C. Total activity shall not exceed 3.7 TBq (100 Ci) per container.
  - (i) Wastes containing hazardous, biological, pathogenic, or infectious material shall be treated to reduce to the maximum extent practicable the potential hazard from the nonradiological materials.
- (2) The following requirements are intended to provide stability of the waste. Stability is intended to ensure that the waste does not degrade and affect overall stability of the site through slumping, collapse, or other failure of the disposal unit and thereby lead to water infiltration. Stability is also a factor in limiting exposure to an inadvertent intruder, since it provides a recognizable and nondispersible waste.
  - (a) Waste shall have structural stability. A structurally stable waste form will generally maintain its physical

dimensions and its form, under the expected disposal conditions such as weight of overburden and compaction equipment, the presence of moisture, and microbial activity, and internal factors such as radiation effects and chemical changes. Structural stability can be provided by the waste form itself, processing the waste to a stable form, or placing the waste in a disposal container or structure that provides stability after disposal.120.299: continued

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions in 105 CMR 120.299(B)(1)(c) and (d), liquid wastes, or wastes containing liquid, shall be converted into a form that contains as little freestanding and noncorrosive liquid as is reasonably achievable, but in no case shall the liquid exceed 1% of the volume of the waste when the waste is in a disposal container designed to ensure stability, or 0.5% of the volume of the waste for waste processed to a stable form.
- (c) Void spaces within the waste and between the waste and its package shall be reduced to the extent practicable.
- (C) <u>Labeling</u>. Each package of waste shall be clearly labeled to identify whether it is Class A, Class B, or Class C waste, in accordance with 105 CMR 120.299(A).